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BRITISH army barracks in Germany was hit by mortar fire last night in what aplatest attack in the IRA's renewed campaign. It came as security sources warned that the IRA was planning to step up operations despite talk of esuming its ceasefire.

Two mortars were fired at the Quebec barracks in Osna-brück, where 4 Armoured Brigade is based. One landed inside the camp. There were no casualties. The blast damno casualties. The buildings. aged roofs and buildings.

Early reports suggested the mortars had been fired from a lorry at 6.50pm local time. German police were called to the scene and were last night searching for other devices.

A British army, spokesman said the assailants appeared to have fried two notist bombs into the barracks from tions. The latest incident comes less than two works after the bomb which devas tated Manchester's centre.

area of the petrol pump. impossible to ascertain last There are no extensive fuel night, it may well be the final storage [facilities] there," he nail in the coffin of the peace process. From the perspective of Bill Clinton, by whose in-

volvement the republican movement have set so much store, there would appear to be no further merit in pursuing what, for the foreseeable future, is a busted foreign pol-

squad were convicted of the attempted bombing of the Quebec army barracks at Osnabrück on June 19 1989. The bombers were disturbed by a night watchman, and four of

Security sources had been tenced to nine years in predicting a further IRA attack after the Manchester prison, but was freed as she had spent nearly six years in bombing. They believe the IRA is committed to an exten-sive campaign and will be jail on remand. The court ruled Maguire was part of the squad which had planted a 330lb Semtex bomb next to a varying methods and locadormitory block. Three other members of the

Squad — Pauline and Donagh O'Kane and Patrick Murray — were also convicted of at-

John Duncan Sports Corresp

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WIMBLEDON seeds continued to find stony ground yester-day with the painful exit of Boris Becker, the number two seed, who withdrew after in-turing bit wight projet juring his right wrist. With both Becker and Andre Agassi eliminated, the crowd must find their favour ites elsewhere. One possibil-ity is Tim Henman, Britain's number one, who was about to serve for the match and a place in the last 16 yesterday before rain stopped play. Becker left Wimbledon im-mediately for X-rays, but his

trainer, Doug Spreen, had al-ready diagnosed a chipped bone at courtside.

The injury came on the tie-break in the first set against South African Neville Godwin. When Becker stretched and turned to return a second service, the ball hit the recket frame and jarred his wrist,

causing obvious pain. Despite first aid taping. Becker, the champion in 1985, 1986 and 1989 and a crowd favourite ever since becom-ing Wimbledon's youngest winner at the age of 17, knew immediately he attempted a practise serve that his tour-

nament was over. 'T thought I had broken my wrist," said Becker. "It's so disappointing because I was one of the few who had a seri-

ous chance of winning the

whole thing this year. An in-

jury never comes at the right

time but if there's one tourna-

ment a year where I would really like to do well it's

Now there remains only the

crowd-pleasing progress of

this year's plucky Brit to warm the heart of Centre

Court crowds, Henman looks likely to be this year's model, - in fact, a Brit has been in the last 16 for the past five years - on the point of beat-

ing another Briton, 19-year-old Luke Milligan.

Wimbledon.'

Osnabrück, the largest British military garrison in Germany, contains 10,700 personnel and their families. "Our initial supposition is that the perpetrators are from the IRA," a spokesman at the Lower Saxony state interior ministry's crisis management

icy flush. In June 1ast year, four members of an IRA bomb An Osnabrück police spokesman said there had been explosions at the barracks caused by projectiles fired at the fuel tanks in the base, but which had missed their targets. The barracks were the target of a 1989 bombing blamed on the IRA. the five charges were defused. No one was injured. Donna Maguire was sen-

There was no immediate a vehicle just outside the army gates

"At the gates of the barracks there appeared to have an a pantechnicon kind of vehicle which appears to have let off two mortars into the camp." Lieutenant-Colo-nel Jan-Dirk Mervaldt said. Apparently one of the projectiles fell near a petrol pump ... there is no fire or anyist organisation.

reaction from Sinn Fein, altempting to bomb the bar though one senior figure expressed astonishment on racks. They were later released as they had served a hearing the news. The party is unlikely to make any comlarge part of their senten emand. All maintained the ment until the circumstances evidence against them was of the attack become much purely circumstantial. clearer, and may wait for a claim to be made by a terror-Germany was the focus of a three-year bombing campaign in mainland Europe against If this does prove to be the British and Nato military in-

thing like that damaged in the | work of the IRA, which was stallations from 1987.

Clarke trumpets return of feelgood factor

GDP growth

Lerry Elliott and Richard Thomas in Lyon and Sarah Ryle

FENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, last night talked up Conservative chances of a fifth election win when his seized on the strongest rise in living standards since the end of the 1980s to proclaim that the feelgood fac-tor had at last returned.

Fleshing out the themes of the Government's economic strategy for the rest of this parliament, he said tough control of public spending could pave the way for tax cuts without damaging the NHS, education or the fight

against crime. Mr Clarke, speaking at the G7 World Economic Summit. said: "We can run a market economy, we can run a mod-ern state, we can deliver you the high quality public services you want. That is the distinctive claim of a Conservative government

His triumphant tone was supported by news yesterday that real incomes in the UK rose by 4 per cent over the year to March - the strongest rate since 1989. There was fresh evidence in official data that consumer spending is buoyant, and figures from banks showing 21 per cent more loans made in May than in April, suggesting the housing market was boosting mortgage demand.

The Chancellor said people had to make up their own | tars continue to behave fru-

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minds about the prospects for their finances and jobs, adding. "I do think a growing number of people in the United Kingdom can feel good in that way." He used the data

to repeat his claim that the average family would be \$450 better off by the end of this year, and scorned Tony Blair's attempts to rubbish

this. "We are now one of the healthiest economies in the developed world and we are going to deliver sustained growth, low inflation and ris-ing living standards for some time to come," Mr Clarke continued.

Over the next few weeks, the Chancellor will try to give tunity to cut taxes in the last Budget before polling day by insisting that spending minis-

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for both tax cuts and the tra ditional pre-election across-the-board boost to public spending. There was more good news yesterday for Mr Clarke as it emerged that the balance of payments deficit for 1995 was less than half the original es timate as a result of huge data revisions. Britain was £2.9

billion in the red against an initial total of 26.7 billion, taking into account new invest ment income information. 94 95 GDP growth, however, was unchanged in the first three

months of the year, at 0.4 per cent, and the year-on-year rate fell back slightly from 2 per cent to 1.9 per cent.

The Labour Party stre the manufacturing sector was still struggling. "It is an in dictment of Tory failure that manufacturing is now in recession, having fallen for two quarters in a row and in-vestment in the sector is falling, while growth in the

whole economy is running well below forecast," the Shadow Chief Secretary, Andrew Smith, said. Mr Clarke believes a key ingredient of falling unemploy

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nent in the UK has been the absence of excessive regulation. At yesterday's talks Britain resisted American

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and French pressure for a commitment to link trade liberalisation to the enforcement of basic labour standards.

Blair wins crucial vote gally. He is making it clear that the size of the budget deficit means there is no room over devolution 'U-turn'

Michael White and Erlend Clouston

ONY Blair last night won a crucial vote of confidence for his controversial devolution policy change from the executive of the Scottish Labour Party.

A stormy three-hour ses-sion finally passed by 20 votes to four a resolution supporting moves to "democratically anchor the Scottish parlia-ment by a specific positive

vote by the Scottish people". The Labour leader was at the Edinburgh meeting for more than two hours, following a day spent trying to defuse the ugly row within his party by turning his promise of referendums to the people of Scotland and Wales into a symbol of the trust be seeks to build with voters be-

fore the election. 'hard and sharp words".

erendum policy were rejected by 16-6 and 16-12 respectively. Earlier in the day John sisted he was deliberately tr McAllion, the Dundee-based ing to be frank with votars.

fronthencher who resigned in [protest from the Blair team on Thursday, repeated his complaint that the policy switch had been imposed by the party leadership in Loned by don - breaking a cross-party agreement on the proposed assembly in Edinburgh. Mr Blair then took his fight to a potentially hostile audience f Scottish activists. After being booed by left

wingers as he arrived at Edinburgh university, Mr Blair in-sisted his revised package, worked on in secret for months by key allies, was a "not if, not whether, but how" blueprint. It was designed "to make devolution a reality and lestroy the scurrilous and dishonest campaign against

it" by John Major's ministers. Mr McAllion and his allies fear voters are being sent "a clear signal" to vote No to taxing powers they consider vital to the assembly's success.

Mr Blair will lead the campaign for them himself, he romised yesterday. Deriding "tired and easy cliches" of U-turns and be-

trayal - and accusing Scotland's media of an hysterical reaction that was out of touch with voters - Mr Blair insisted he was deliberately try-

"I know, and, given the hro-ken promises of the Tory years, can hardly be sur-prised, that people raise the sue of trust ... really trust is built by saying what we really mean to do," he said: Ironically, trust was at the core of Mr McAllion's complaint at his press conference yesterday. Though he pledged himself to work fiand for a Labour government - and Mr Blair said he still hoped to see Mr McAllion in his ministerial team - the ardent prodevolutionist MP. argued the party had "lost control of our

own policy". Not only was the tax-raising power central to the as-sembly package agreed with other parties in the six-year Scottish Constitutional Convention, the decision to grant two-question referendum had been imposed on the Labour Party without consultation. It would lead to demands for more questions to be added, he predicted.

Mr Blair and his allies were expecting this week's storm, which also prompted the resignation of Lord Harry Ewing as co-chairman of the convention. But they believe it will Turn to page 3, column 4

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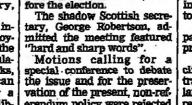
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700 local benefit offices to be transferred to private sector

David Brindle, Social rvices Correspondent

HE Government yes-terday announced the sell-off of 700 local ben-

efit offices and other Department of Social Security buildings in an attempt to raise an estimated £4 billion for Treasury coffers.

The move came amid speculation that the scope for preelection tax cuts has been limited by the expected £2 billion costs of eradicating mad cow disease and growing doubts over the planned £1.5 billion sale of armed forces married quarters. **Property market experts**

forecast strong international interest in the DSS estate. which would be transferred wholesale to the commercial sector under the Govern-ment's private finance initiative. Included in the package are local benefit offices in every city and large town in Britain, plus administrative centres in Blackpool, Lytham St Anne's, Leeds and London - though not the ministerial headquarters in Whitehall, which are part of a Depart-ment of Health building.

The prize asset on offer is the £55 million Quarry House

in Leeds, known to civil ser-vants as "the Kremlin", which is the base of both the Benefits Agency and — as ten-ant — the NHS Executive. Its controversial design in-

cludes computer-controlled

water displays, a swimming pool, squash courts, a gym and a sports hall. Disposal of the estate, co-

denamed Project Prime, is being described officially as one of the largest and most complicated property transac-tions ever conducted. The 700 buildings comprise 18 million square feet and rep-

resent 16 per cent of the nonmilitary government estate. They are 38 per cent free-hold, 62 per cent free-hold, 62 per cent leasehold, and have an annual rental value of £160 million.

Under the proposed deal, the Government will sell the buildings to a private-sector "partner" which will lease them back and provide full service for a period of about

20 years. Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, Social Security Minis-ter, said that the plan would secure private-sector capital for maintenance and development and cut costs. Ministers have instructed the DSS to slash its running costs by a quarter.

However, the buyer would be able to rationalise the es-tate and dispose of some properties for other uses. "By removing the burden of

by removing the but tent of surplus space and relieving the DSS of its property owner-ship responsibilities, we want to allow our managers to concentrate on our core business - running the social security system," Lord Mackay said. An invitation to tender was tions for this autumn's issued yesterday. The DSS Budget.



"The Kremlin" . . . The 255 million Quarry House in Leeds, with its water displays and sports facilities, is the prize esset on offer

said

aims to identify a "preferred supplier" by next February and complete the deal by the following September — a be equivalent to a tax cut of more than 2p in the pound. Bernard De Saulles, head of timetable enabling the anticithe valuation department at the property consultants, Hillpated receipts to be included in the Chancellor's calculaier Parker, said he expected banks and large facilities management houses to head

HOTOGRAPH: ASADOUR GUZELIAN people who knew, the better,

Receipts of £4 billion would | the bidders. There might also be interest from property "We are talking large num-bers here, rather like the married quarters estate where the banks have been making all the running," Mr De Saulles

Stephen Barter, at the char-tered surveyors, Richard Ellis, which has been advis-ing the DSS on the separate re-development of its Newcastle upon Tyne office complex. under the PFI, said he was very optimistic of private sector interest in the new offer.

Norway defies attempt to halt whaling as delegates walk out of international meeting

Paul Brown Environment Corr

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NORWAY'S delegates walked out of the International Whaling Commission's meeting in Aberdeen yesterday, after refusing to listen to ands for their country to

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issue of their numbers.

ban on commercial whaling was proposed — and is thus not bound by international resolutions. It is the only country that has resumed commercial whaling - on the

Norway claims there are

the government of Gro Har-lem Bruntland relies on the voters of the northern whal-

ing communities for power. Environment groups have been enraged to find whale meat is being smuggled to Japan from Norway, and James Martin Jones of the World Wide Fund for Nature said yesterday: "Clearly Nor-way thinks it can get away

sion not to alarm patients by keeping his condition secret. The health board has now set up a helpline number -0800 281239 - to reassure the public but says there is no need to contact individual patients

The board's secretary, Tom Skinner, confirmed Dr Lo-

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The Guardian Saturday June 29 1996

Doctor infected with HIV told to work in secret

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gie's account and said: "One has to strike a balance be-tween the fact that there's no risk with the fact that, because of irrational fears about Aids, people might get unnec-

Aids, people might get unlest essarily worried. He said Dr Logae had been careful to follow national guidelines on avoiding HIV transmission. His work was HIV to continue working mainly confined to diagnosis and treatment through prescribing. Mr Skinner added: "He

contracted the Aids virus from a needle injury in Africa wasn't doing anything risky or unethical or illegal, but he nonetheless felt uncomfort. three years ago. Since then he has taken up short-term posts at several Scottish hospitals without telling his employers able about it." In a letter published in the British Medical Journal yes-terday he said he was advised to hide his condition by pub-

Dr Logie retired to Africa in 1991 after more than 15 years at Peel Hospital and the Borders general hospital. Three years ago while work-ing as a physician in Zambia he was infected with HIV as a

Dr Logie wrote that after his diagnosis there were two immediate problems: who to tell about his condition and result of a needle injury. He returned to Britain the same vear and worked as a locum at a number of hospitals, inwhat to do with the rest of his cluding Borders general, Stor-

noway. Oban county, Lorn and Islands district, Western He said: "The advice of the Aids team of my local health board was didactic: the fewer general and the Royal Victoria in Edinburgh, the Royal Infirmary in Dumfries and Noble's in Douglas. Isle of and provided that I did not perform any invasive proce-Мап.

dures there was no reason why I could not continue to practise as a physician and. In his letter. Dr Logie confessed he felt guilty about not disclosing his condition to his employers. But since he closely followed guidelines from the Department of Health's expert advisory group on Aids he was confident no patients had been put. at risk.

He admitted that keeping the secret had been a strain. for himself and his wife Dorothy, who is also a doctor. Dr Ian McDonald, chief

medical officer and public health director at Borders Health Board, described Dr Logie as a "much loved and respected colleague". He said: "We are all united in our concern for him and his wife.

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top commercial whaling. The 14-strong delegation left one member behind to vote against a resolution call-ing for an immediate halt to commercial whaling operations, and controls to stop Norwegian fishermen smuggling whale meat to Japan. Norway's commissioner,

Kaare Bryn, said bluntly: | reservation in 1963 when the "We are not going to comply." Delegates particularly condenned Norway's decision to set a quota of whales before the commission's scientific committee had considered the sue of their numbers. Under the commission's whales in the North Sea to rules, Norway entered a sustain a harvest

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John von Radowitz

he was HIV positive.

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HEALTH authority in Britain yesterday de-fended its decision to

advise a doctor infected with

while keeping his condition a

Sandy Logie, aged 57, a retired consultant physician.

lic health experts at Borders'

tarday applauded Dr Logie's courage in deciding to make his illness public. The board also stood by its earlier deci-



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west to 20C in the sunnier eastern regions. Low Countries, Germany, Austria, Switzerland: Switzerland: A cold front will push a band of showers and thun-derstorms eastwards across most places today, but it should become drier and brighter across the Low countries, Switzerland and western Germany Solid countries, Switzerland and western Germany

later on. Max temp ranging from 25C in south-ee ern Austria to 15C on the Dutch coast. Frames: A band of cloud and a few light showers will push south through most of France today, slong with a Iresh north-westerly wind in central and northern regions. The very warm and humid weather should last the day in the actreme south. Max temp rang-ing from 28C to 17C in the far north. Spain and Portugal:

Spean and Portegal: Portugal and southern and central Spain will be very hot and sunny again with extremely high tem-peratures eway from the fresher coastal fringes. Northern Spain may catch a few thundery showers later this affernoon. Max temp ranging from 24C on the north coast to 40C in Seville and Cordoba.

The mountains of northern Italy will have showers during the day, perhaps with some heavy down-during the day, perhaps with some heavy down-pours and thunderstorms, but much of the country will be fins and very warm. Highs 24-29C. Greecs:

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High pressure covers the country so blue and nearly unbroken sunshme will persist i next few days. Highs 27-31C.

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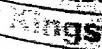
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Cannon Hall is considered one of Hampstead's biggest, most beautiful and historic houses

Du Maurier's latest tale of woe

The angry notables of Hampstead again prepare to defend its artistic heritage

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Sarah Boseley

ROOM in a hist-oric north London house, where the fledgling novelist Daphne du Maurier used to hide herself. away from her family for

her first attempts at romantic fiction, is in danger of being gutted to make way for the new owner's Jag. Hampstead is outraged. The close-knit community

of artists and writers - and Boy George - ranks the Du Maurier family among its more prestigious former.

adjoining the house, is a manager father, Sir Gerald courtroom. The privileged owner of Cannon Hall in du Maurier, is considered one of the biggest, most the 18th century was inevbeautiful and historic itably the chief magistrate, houses in the hilly enclave. But the elegant detached home, built in 1730, does so naturally it was convenient to be able to step next door after breakfast to sen-tence a few villains.

not quite suit new Hamp-stead man — Lloyd Dorfman, the entrepreneur owner of the international foreign-currency business Travelex, who paid £2.5 million for it last month. Mr Dorfman and his wife are said to have "fallen in love with it precisely be-cause of its architectural distinctiveness and historical importance".

terrific parties.

a Jag — and Mr Dorfman | it wasn't, Daphne slipped in has both. there to write. The present garage was once the stables. Next to it,

there to write. A planning application to turn it into a garage - and another to put a 40ft swim-cil, to the horror of the Heath and Old Hampstead Society, which once boasted Sir Gerald as a member and his wife on the committee.

"It is the same old story, sighed Helen Marcus, the chairwoman. "We dread By Sir Gerald's time, the tradition had faded. The first ever stage Captain Hook in J.M. Barrie's Peter these things happening here. It never ceases to Pan — who so much loved the high-life that he sold his name to Du Maurier amaze me how people buy a house in a conservation area which is not suitable cigarettes and took bit for their purposes and then parts in lousy films to pay the bills — held the most want to change it all." They can only lament the

sale, some time ago, of the end of Cannon Hall's large more prestigious former historical importance". But darling, you should Cannon Hall, home for 18 see the gurger Westworm to years' to Bathne's actor I park a Land Rover; or even changing room. And when house" has been built. The

iron-barred lock-up, where

wrong 'uns used to be slung until the magistrate deigned to see them, is now its front door, complete with entry-phone. When it was not being used as a shed, Daphne and her sisters played there. Christopher Wade, a local

historian, said that the Du Mauriers were "quite im-portant Hampstead people. They were very much Hampstead lovers. George [Daphne's grandfather] lived here for many years, and then Sir Gerald did, mostly for prestigions puroses. He ran out of money by spending too much on his house and gardens."

After Sir Gerald's death in 1934, the house was sold, although Lady Du Maurier stayed in the area. Daphne, by then married to the future General Browning, moved to Cornwall where she wrote the novels that brought her such fame.

David Rosenberg, head of Travelex's corporate com-munications, said the Dorfmans intentions towards Cannon Hall were entirely homorphile entirely honourable.

"It would be against their principles and taste to do anything to it that does not respect that heritage," he said. But Hampstead has been roused and the scent of battle is in the air.

Moment of truth' for Karadzic

ullan Borger in Pale

ARL BILDT, the chief international mediator in Bosnia, yesterday threatened Yesterday threatened Yugoslavia and the Bosnian Serbs with the reimposition of sanctions if the separatist leader, Radovan Karadzic, did not resign this weekend. But Mr Karadzic put on a show of bravado, feigning in-difference to the outside

difference to the outside world as he appeared at a party rally yesterday in his village stronghold of Pale, dressed in a dinner jacket and bow tie and vowing not to yield to pressure.

The Dayton peace agree-ment signed in December bans Mr Karadzic, and all other indicted war criminals, from holding public office, but the former psychiatrist has so far defied international hopes and predictions of his political demise. But after a formight of shut-

tle diplomacy between Ser-bia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, and other Bosnian Serb leaders in Pale, Mr Bildt's aides say he is confi-dent "the moment of truth"

has finally arrived. His spokesman, Colum Murphy, told journalists: Murphy, tota journalists: "The screws will tighten on Radovan Karadzic ... Our expectation is that he will step down this weekend." He said Mr Bildt, the international community's High Representative in Bos-nia, would "have no hesita-tion whatsoever about triggering sanctions if there is no compliance over the weekend

Leaders of the Group of Seven countries are expected to send a "very strong" signal seeking Mr Karadzic's depar-ture in their summit communiqué today. But diplomats said the threat of renewed sanctions would be more likely to be directed at the Bosnian Serbs than at Belgrade.

ward signs of relinquishing his hold on power yesterday. His entrance into a confer ence of his Serb Democratic

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Party (SDS) was stage-managed to milk maximum applause from the 600 dele-gates gathered in a converted factory canteen to hear his thoughts on the future. He said the Bosnian Serbs would only survive if they were led "by those who won't betray them and those who are not making their deci-sions under fear, and who are neither impressed by force neither impressed by force nor threat."

Backstage, Mr Karadzic's Backstage, Mr Karadzic's political advisor, Jovan Zame-tica, predicted that he would still be president on Monday: "President of the SDS and of Describilite Sweets" Republika Srpska." Earlier this week, Mr

Karadzic threatened to stand as a candidate in September's elections unless the international community guarantees the security of Serb-held terri-tory in Bosnia and hands control of the contested town of Breko to the Bosnian Serbs. Mr Murphy said yesterday that Mr Bildt and the interna-

tional community refused to consider any conditions.

ational concerns, said the Bosnian Serb leadership represented "an insurmouni-able obstacle to the achievement of a pluralistic and multi-ethnic society."

prevent Muslim refugees from returning to their pre-war homes in Serb territory. and has resisted attempts to break the SDS grip on radio and television in the run-up to the elections. The United Nations tribu-

nal in The Hague has indicted Mr Karadzic and the Bosnian Serb military leader Ratko Mladic for genocide and crimes against humanity. It is

currently hearing evidence against both men in support of its calls for their arrest. So far, the 60,000-strong Nato-led peacekeeping force in Bosnia (I-For) has refused to mount an examplian to mount an operation to cap ture them, saying only that it would arrest them and more than 60 other wanted war criminals still at large if it ame across them in th course of normal duties.

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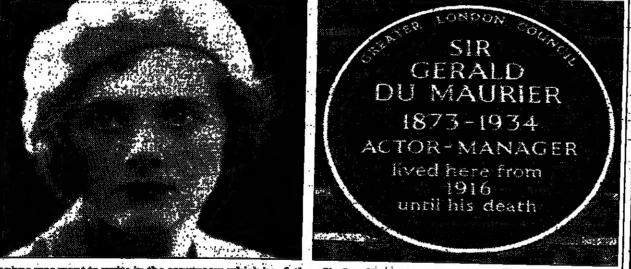
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.. The deadline will be July 1.'

Mr Karadzic showed no out-





Daphne was wont to write in the courtroom which her father. Sir Gerald, used as a changing room for tennis parties

situation"

Paper 'knows murderer'

£100,000 reward in hunt for killers of Irish reporter

David Sharrock reland Correspondent

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REWARD of E100.000 was yesterday offered for information leading to the conviction of the killers of Irish reporter Veronica Guerin, as opposition parties called for a state of emer-gency to deal with the repub-lic's law and order crisis. Independent Newspapers, for whom Ms Guerin worked.

as a crime correspondent until her murder on Wednesday, said the reward would be paid "for information leading to the apprehension and con-viction of those responsible for the murder of Veronica". Sixty detectives continued their hunt for the contract

killers who shot Ms Guerin five times on a motorway in Co Dublin She will be buried

airport. Yesterday, in a frontpage editorial, the Irish Inde-pendent claimed it knew who

murdered Ms Guerin, but that the killer was untouchable. The chief suspect has been described by a number of is to freeze their assets." newspapers as a leading Dub-lin criminal in his forties who has built a fortune out of armed robberies and drugs trafficking.

Fianna Fail and the Progressive Democrats yesterday tabled a joint motion in the sentences for the use of illegal firearms, the curbing of tem-Dail condemning the murders of Ms Guerin and Garda de-tective Jerry McCabe, shot by porary release of prisoners and the immediate filling of all judicial vacancies. The Irish Congress of Trade

the IRA three weeks ago." The motion calls for the declaration of a national Unions has called for a min-ute's silence on Monday at emergency "to enable the pas-sage of laws to secure the pub-lic safety". Fianna Fall's chief whip, 1pm. "The minute's silence is a tribute to the courage of Ve-ronica Guerin and Garda Jerry McCabe. Their murders

Dermot Ahern, said the declacruelly expose the threat today after a funeral mass at ration of a national einer posed to our democracy by the Church of Our Lady gency "would allow the Gov criminals and terrorists," a Queen of Heaven at Dublin ermnent to bring in a lot of I statement said.

Blair wins crucial vote on devolution

Senior Tories are less likely to oblige and yesterday the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, and his Welsh counwhat is needed now is an urgent response. We know individuals around the city and around Ireland who are living lavish lifestyles and we feel that the way to go about this

They believe Labour's tacti-cal shift is ill thought out and reform of the republic's bail laws, which currently allow will rebound, as do most SNP and Plaid Cymru supporters, as well as some Liberal Demoall suspects to go free until their trial, curtailment of the right to silence, minimum crats. Mr McAllion echoed the ministers' predictions that the quickle bill setting up the referendums early in a Blair parliament will itself

> With one eye on Tuesday's expected endorsement, by Labour's ruling National Executive Committee, of his "Road to the Manifesto" statement, Mr Blair said he could have delayed the referendum announcement until the elec tion campaign. But he had chosen to speak out now - as a gesture of openness.



Five heaters, including the Belling Tango, are on full blast. Steam wooshes up from the kettle and a hot water bath. Through the haze, two pink-faced. strapping hockey internationals are grimly pedalling on static exercise cycles.

Peter Kingston, Outlook page 15

draconian measures that I think all parties are now continued from page 1 blow over quickly as pre-elec-tion party discipline reasserts agreed need to be brought in in order to address an awful He added: "We believe that itself.

terpart, William Hague, issued "10 Questions for Tony Blair". The motion also called for

run into trouble.

4 BRITAIN Death by ecstasy no deterrent

Nick Varley

ORE than half of even if someone they knew died after doing so, according to a new survey.

Only 46.5 per cent of those questioned in what is claimed to be Britain's biggest investi-gaton into the behaviour of erstasy users would stop or have stopped after a fatality. But the figure contrasts sharply with the number who would stop at their parents' behest: 8.4 per cent.

music magazine Mixmag, also revealed that the majority of

clubbers were ecstasy users. More than 80 per cent of the 4,000 respondents were taking the drug, despite highly-publi-cised cases, such as the death of Leah Betts.

Four out of 10 were weekly users, 26.1 per cent fort-nightly and 21.3 per cent monthly, while 12 per cent took it less frequently. Almost a third said they

would continue to take ecstasy for four years or more. More than 40 per cent said they first took it more than four years ago. Andy Pemberton, deputy

editor of Mixmag, said he was surprised at the long periods people were taking the drug. it seemed safe to say that

people took it for 18 months,

Ecstasy: why you'd stop Peasons why you have stopped or may stop taking ecstasy.

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The survey, compiled from a questionnaire run in the magazine, attracted replies from 15 to 51-year-olds. It found that the majority of all ecstasy users It found that the majority of would continue respondents got information taking the drug about drugs from friends and

magazines, a quarter from dealers — slightly more than from drugs agencies — and just 3.3 per cent from parents. More than six out of 10 felt ecstasy should be legalised, allowing the introduction of purity-testing booths in clubs, a feature seen at some Dutch venues.

Alan Haughton, of Lifeline, said faith in testing was mis-

The survey, conducted by Manchester-based drug agency Lifeline and dance these are drugs they are not placed. "They want someone to going to die from. "Well, you can't have any-thing like that guarantee. "Testing might reduce

people's anxiety but it proba-bly won't reduce the number of deaths. The whole testing debate is a red herring," he said.

Both the agency and the magazine want to see more research into ecstasy use and its long-term effects. Mr Pemberton said: "If you

could turn around to people and say: 'You've got a reason-able chance of getting Parkin-son's Disease or suffering de-pression in the long term', that's what would stop practi

cally everybody. "But no-one can say that be-

cause there hasn't been that research yet. I think a lot of people think the Government got bored and stopped. But it has a second agenda of con-seems to be far more of a way of lufe than that."

Two of the Leningrad Cowboys, a Pinnish group which claims to be the worst rock 'n' roll band in the world and which parodies the cliches of rock stardom with unicorn hair styles and half-metre long pointed shoes, is appearing today at the South Bank Centre, London, with the Red Army Chorns and Dance Ensemble Human error peril in smear test 'Kindly uncle' of

Guidelines 'should end cervical screening | cant improvement." She was | which we know is worthwhile speaking after the latest scare | and which saves lives."

problems soon'. Sarah Boseley reports

NEXPERIENCE and cient slides of abnormal cells to recognise them easily. frequent reasons for the nistakes in cervical smear ests which oblige hospitals to ecall women and repeat the ests, causing anxiety and in-no more than 7,500 for fear that tredness could impair their analysis. frequent reasons for the mistakes in cervical smear tests which oblige hospitals to recall women and repeat the tests, causing anxiety and in-conveniece for hundreds of their analysis. . Altogether three sets of Screening is not an exact science and clinical workers guidelines have been issued in the last year in the hope of

abnormal cells look like under the microscope. Some also make simple errors: one GP admitted doing smears with his finger, and another told a nurse to use a tongue told a nurse to use a tongue depressor instead of a special

"We fully expect once they are fully implemented we will spatula to take a smear of tisstop seeing these situations. By October this year we would expect to see a signifisue from the patient's cervix. One problem has been that creeners have not seen suffiin Norfolk, where the laboratory of the James Pagett Hospital NHS Trust is now re-examining about 8,200 slides which may possibly have been mis-read. Women will be recalled for a further smear if any of the slides are found to

have been misinterpreted. Meanwhile, the Cancer search Campaign said yesterday that the tests saved lives and urged women not to opt out of the tests. "Don't be able cancer."

The charity is worried that women will lose confidence in the tests. Professor Gordon McVie, the director general, said: "When this happens it creates a lot of unnecessary anxiety and brings into ques-tion the validity of a service

Regular screening in Nordic countries and in parts of Scotland, where nearly all women underwent a test, had Helen Nowicka dramatically cut the number of deaths. His advice to women was: "For goodness sake make an appointment and keep it."

There are almost 1,700 deaths from cervical cancer each year in Britain. Women are called for tests every three or five years, depending on the area of the country. Mortality rates have dropped from 88 per million in 1972 to 63 per million in 1992, al-though most of that progress will have been made after 1988 when the national programme came into full effect. But human error in recognising abnormalities on the slide has always been a

James Bond films, died aged 87 at his Beverley Hills home on Thursday night after suffering heart problems for a number of years. Christened Albert but nick-named Cubby in his early

Hollywood days after a car-toon character, he produced 17 Bond films — including the latest. Goldeneye — which have earned more than \$1 billion worldwide. Honor Blackman, who

played Pussy Galore in Gold-finger, described him as a "lovely man", adding: "He was always the gentle, kindly uncle of the Bond films."

ists to finance the first film, RODUCER Cubby Broc-Dr No. starring Sean Con-

nery, which was a huge hat. coli, the man behind the Reflecting on Broccoli's phenomenal success with the Bond films, Gordon Arnell, of his London-based production company Eon Productions, said: "He was the father of the series and will be sorely

missed. Broccoli, a committed Anglophile, made more than 30 films here, including Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and was awarded the OBE in 1967.

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Bond films dies ing's books about the suave spy. In 1962 he got United Art-

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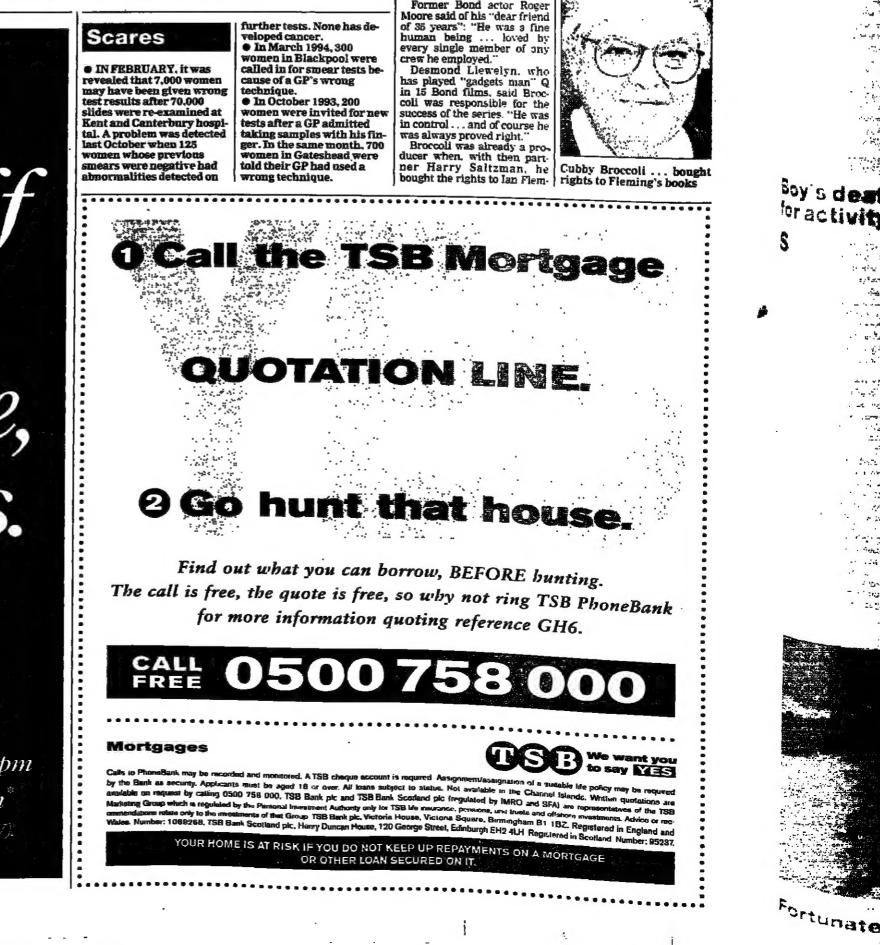


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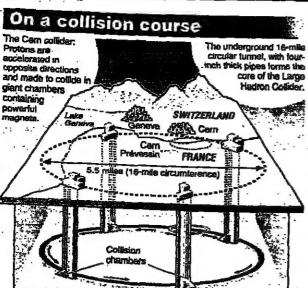
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Under Geneva tomorrow, particle physicists will see whether £180m spent on upgrading equipment to go back to start of time in an 18-mile tube has been well spent

Big Bang Mk II as universe is reborn in a pipe

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EEP under Geneva a four-inch thick pipe runs in an 18mile loop. Inside the tube, tomorrow, the universe will be reborn. An electron and a positron will race off in opposite direc-tions at almost the speed of light, spinning past each other 11,400 times every second until a scientist tweaks a magnet and brings them on to a collision course, annihilating them in a fireball of energy. And for an instant, when that energy becomes mass

under Einstein's great rule that E=MC², traces of the mass spreading outwards will be spotted by computers and transferred to the screens of the scientists steeped in the obscurity of particle physics In the patterns they will find - they hope - secrets as yet untold about the universe in which we live.

The scientists at Cern, the European Particle Physics the field and passing a ball Laboratory where the tests are carried out, spent the win-ter upgrading their particle the force particle is the ball collider. After a Tew hitches, that travels between them. are carried out, spent the win-ter upgrading their particle collider. After a few hitches (they found a couple of empty | Without the force particles Heineken bottles stuffed in | the sum would not shine as it

that the scientists think a "There are all sorts of whole universe, unknown things out there which we are until now. can be briefly not aware of because they

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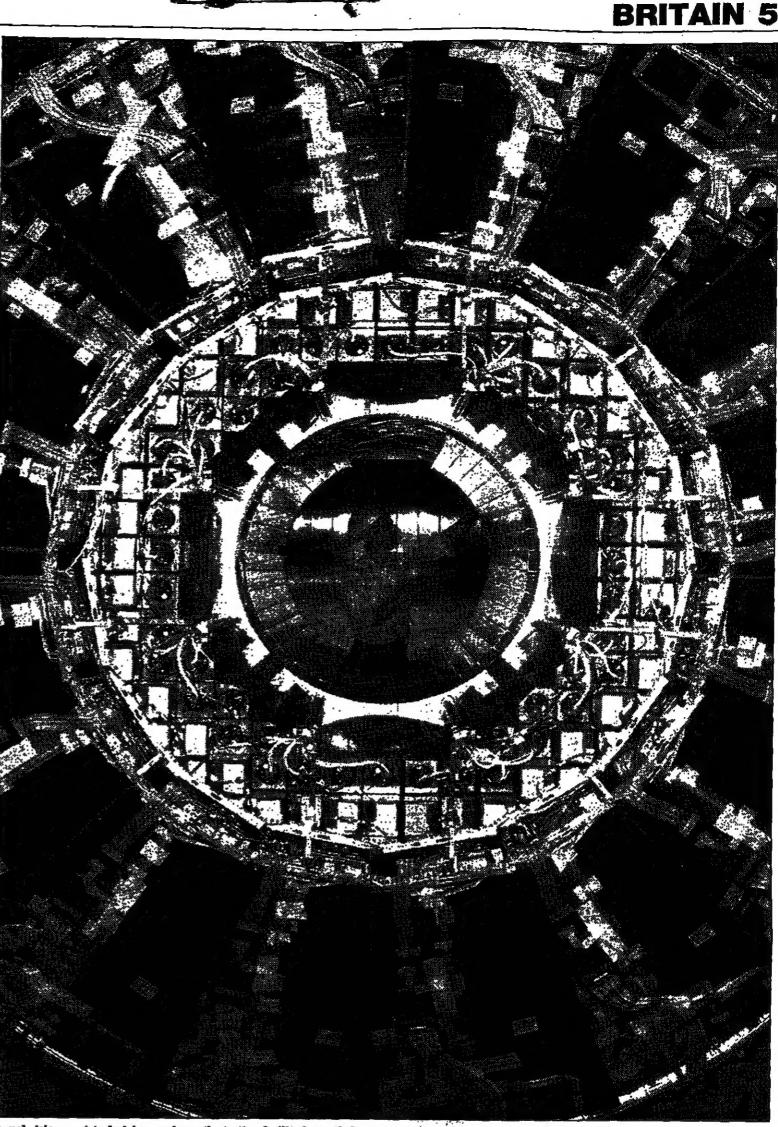
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not aware of because they don't interact with us," said don't interact with us," said Kenneth Peach, of the Univer-sity of Edinburgh. Supersym-metrical particles only inter-act when the energy reaches these incredible high levels and Cern's massive collider What they will look for are supersymmetrical particles, a dark world mirroring all known particles which some believe makes up 90 per cent

Particle physicists have found the basic building blocks of the universe; those may provide a window on to this alternative world. While some complain that opening up a world that has little effect on us is a waste of things from which everything we can detect are built. They have also found the force parmoney (the upgrade alone cost £180 million), the scienticles that move these building blocks around. Chris Llewellyn-Smith, ditists say it is important not to dismiss its promise. "Without rector general of Cern, com-pares the two types of particle

supersymmetric particles the galaxies could not have crys-talised," said one. Somehow the supersymme-trical particles have coalesced differently from the normal differently from the normal particles and so 90 per cent of the mass of the universe seems invisible in the form of the dark matter. At the beginning of time

everything in the universe existed in roughly equal measures. As the universe spread out and cooled, the particles' differing characteristics warped their impact on the known universe. Cern is look ing deeper into that Big Bang where all the answers lie.



the tube proving the beer really can reach parts that others cannot), they think they can plunge the particles together in a far greater burst of energy than has ever been achieved before:

Only at the dawn of time. positron are fired, destroying. when the universe was born in a burst of infinite energy, each other, it is the appearhave conditions such as these ance of parallel universe made up of supersymmetrical particles that would cause the existed. And it is only at this moment, a miniscule fraction of a second after the Big Bang. greatest sensation.

But even if the first of the does, a weak force allowing a steady rate of burn that keeps supersymmetrical particles shows up on Cern's computus alive. Work surges forward to identify more of these par ers it is unlikely that the rid-dle of the universe will sudticles, allowing the physicists to understand what makes denly be solved. Nature rarely is that obvious. the universe devalop. Despite the experiment .Mr But when the electron and

Llewellyn-Smith believes they have still got far to go. "We are still on the foothills of the mountain," he said. But now we think there are a few features above us that we may be able to see."

Passengers on

stricken cruiser

0-hour sea drama.

Tunnel vision . . . A technician works on the testing facility beneath Geneva as Cein prepares to recreate the birth of time

Boy's death prompts calls for activity group licences

volving children after a 13year-old boy died during a trip to the Yorkshire Dales. The British Safety Council

(BSC) said the Government should ensure that schools or voluntary groups organising outdoor activities were licens

Officials said government regulations published earlier this year forced only commer cial operators to be licensed: Richard Barber, of Baildon, West Yorkshire, died on

Thursday during a visit to waterfalls at Buckden Ghyll, Buckden, North Yorkshire.

Teachers from Ladder-banks Middle School in Baildon searched for the teenager when he became separated from the party. They found his body in a waterfall pool. A teacher tried to resuscitate him but a doctor at the scene pronounced him dead.

The BSC said the safety record of non-commercial pro-want to know what viders of outdoor activities pened," Mr Barber said

SAFETY campaigners yes-terday called for tougher roles on outdoor activities in-Fifteen children had died on activity trips organised by voluntary groups in the past

20 years, said officials. That compared with nine on trips with commercial groups. "Richard's death is a tragedy and my heart goes out to his family and school," said

after drifting in the North Sea. with a flooded engine room. BSC director-general James Tye. "We must look again at the rules covering schools and other voluntary groups. The The Yugoslav-built ship had been on a 14-day cruise from Leith, Lothian, to Ice-BSC wants anyone running outdoor activities to be li-

land when it ran into trouble off north eastern Scotland. censed and everyone involved It drifted as four helicopters in them to be properly trained," be said. and three lifeboats stood by in case the 71 passengers and 68 crew had to be evacuated.

Richard was an assistant patrol leader of his local scout As passengers, including Britons and Americans, left the ship, banker Sandra Gardgroup. His father, Chris, an outdoor skills instructor and ner, 47, from San Francisco, said: "The RAF and all the emergency services were assistant scout leader, said magnificent."

want to know where. Like any parent of any child, we Passengers first became aware of a problem when the ship's engines stopped, she want to know what hap-

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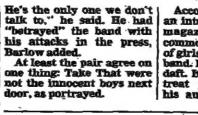
PASSENGERS from a ASSENCE AND A COME A STREAM OF N the words of one of their songs, it only takes a minute to fall in love. For Take That, however, such instant attraction They were speaking after the 4.264-tonne Alla Tarasova docked in Peterhead harbour clearly only ever existed in

their lyrics. As Britain's most succe ful teen band, their image was one of wholesome lads best of friends on and off

stage. Now the hitter recrimina tions which have marked their demise, have revealed the real feelings behind the winning smiles and eight number one singles. Former member Robbie Williams, the lead singer.

whose departure presaged the group's split, said: "I never f***ing liked them." Chief target in his first solo interview was main

songwriter Gary Barlow, who put his side of the story in a separate interview. "The only black sheep amongst us is Robbie



According to Williams, in an interview with Attitude

Take That idol relights the ire with home truths

They didn't like me because I

was liked. There was a lot of jealousy and envy there. I disliked them because, to me at least, they seemed — with

the exception of little Mark

[Owen] - selfish, arrogant and thick."

"He'd lost that boy-next door thing and he wanted is be a.

sheep amongst us is Robbie. He's the only one we don t talk

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Gary Barlow (right)

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Robble Williams (left)

That, Williams said: "From day one I felt I was being deliberately ostracised. an interview with Attitude | day one I felt I was being magazine, grouples were common. "I slept with a lot of girls when I was wifh the band. But eventually it gets daft. It's no faming way to treat people." Describing his audition to join Take

music score sheets. And this bloke, this clueless w***ker says: "I write the songs because I'm Gary Barlow."

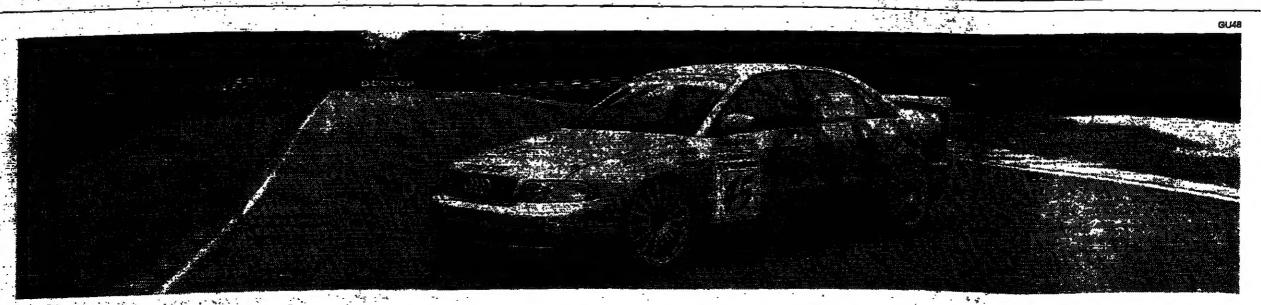
Yesterday, in another twist, Williams, aged 22, said at a music industry charity lunch he was disgusted with himself for his comments about Barlow,

aged 25. "I was very bitter at the time, but I have a lot of love for Gary. I'm a blt de-pressed about it. I just want to see him and say hello."

Take That broke up in February, seven months after Williams's departure. Barlow's debut solo single will be released next week. Williams's single follows three weeks later.

Both know former mem-bers of teen bands are not renowned for career longevity. And both are keen for fans - to borrow another song title - to never forget. They are probably beginning to wish they

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Cabinet criticism as PM renews peace message

Netanyahu sends envoy to Arafat

Shyam Bhatia in Jerusalem

IE Israeli prime minster, Binyamin Netanyahu, has been severely criticised by one of his cabinet ministers for authorising a secret meet-ing between his political adviser and Yasser Arafat, president of the Palestinian National Authority.

The meeting at Mr Arafat's Gaza home late on Thursday night was his first with a representative of the Netanyahu government

Sources in the prime minis-ter's office said Dore Gold, Mr Netanyahu's adviser on political affairs, drove to the Erez border crossing, where he was picked up by the Palestin-ian security chief, Mohammed Dahlan.

The sources said Dr Gold gave Mr Arafat a verbal message which reiterated the gov-ernment's commitment to the peace process. The meeting occurred only days after the United States secretary of State, Warren Christopher, visited Jerusalem and held talks with Mr Netanyahu on the peace process.

The US has urged the new government to maintain a di- have been cancelled, but Mr with the PNA. On the | Begin and other rightwing Is- | G7 reports, page 23

cess would continue. Palestinian officials in Gaza said they were satisfied with the Gold-Arafat meeting but that higher level contacts were needed.

"The president is waiting for a telephone call from Mr Netanyahu," one said. "There is no need for secret meet-ings, because Israel has recog-nised the Palestinian Author-ity as a legitimate near ity as a legitimate peace partner. The former Israeli prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres saw no harm in meeting with Arafat."

At yesterday's weekly cabi-net meeting the science minister, Benny Begin, condemned the Gaza meeting and argued that Israel should boy-cott the PNA because of its repeated violations of agreeents with Israel.

Mr Begin, the son of the late prime minister Menachem Begin, was referring to the Palestinian covenant calling for the destruction of Israel. The Palestinians say the relevant sections of the covenant

morning of his election Mr | raelis insist the Palestinians Netanyahu asked his political adviser to telephone Mr Ara-fat's deputy, Abu Mazen, to assure him that the peace pro-cess weld continue Meron, a senior party officer, said the next step should be a meeting between Mr Netan-yahu and Mr Arafat. Representatives of the 150,000 Jewish settlers in the

West Bank, most of whom voted for Mr Netanyahu, said they understood the prime minister's motives. A spokes-man for the Council of Jewish Settlements said Mr Netanyahu was being forced to ac-cept a reality created by the previous government.
 Mr Netanyahu has accused

Iran and Syria of a "clear attempt" to increase terrorist attacks on Israel, and promised efforts to harden interna-tional pressure on them. In an interview in the newspaper Ma'ariv yesterday he says: "The concept that fighting terror is principally a mili-tary effort in which you act st terrorists themselves

is a mistaken one. The first item on his agenda for any talks with Damascus would be "stopping the indi-rect war of terrorism which Syria is waging against us through Hizbullah".

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It could lead to the creation | divorcee would sully the **Jessica Berry in Jerusaiem**

SECULAR Jewish conple marry in the Pales-tinian_self-rule_town of Jericho. Then they throw a party in one of the nearby cafes. Unthinkable? Not to

a tiny Israeli company. Its name says it all: "The voice of happiness at every occasion". Freih Abu Me-dein, the Palestinian justice minister, said all a couple need do is sign a contract in front of a Palestinian lawyer.

The company suggests the first and second Temple adviser to the justice minis-

of a mini Las Vegas — "a marriage centre which will draw couples from all over the world and provide liv-

Palestinian union for Jews

ing to the Palestinians". In Israel all marriages are governed by an Orthodox monopoly. Secular Jews not wanting a reli-gious, rabbinical wedding have to leave Israel to marry. Most go to Cyprus. And if you are a man called Cohen and you want

Mr Abu Medein is de-lighted by the idea, and considers Jericho the obvi-

ous venue: "In Gaza it would be impossible, in Jerusalem they [Israelis] will arrest us, in Nablus the people are too conserva-tive, but in Jericho, it's close to Jerusalem and there are lots of restaurants."

to marry a divorced woman, forget it. This is because during recognise the weddings. An

Ten couples are just wait-ing for the go-ahead. All that remains is to make sure the Israeli state will

the project could benefit eras the Cohanim were a try said she saw no problem the Palestinian Anthority. priestly caste. Marrying a "as it stands now".

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Islamic party to rule Turkey

AP in Ankara

URKEY yesterday gained the first Islamic-led government in its 73-history year history as a secular

republic. Suleyman President Demirel approved the cabinet list of a coalition between the Welfare Party and the centre-right True Path party, the Welfare leader, Necmettin Er-

bakan, said. Welfare's place as the coalition's senior partner, given tion's senior perturn, groups, may its anti-Western policies, may hurt Turkey's close relations with the West. But the pres-ence of True Path was ex-pected to provide a check on the second provide a check on the se Welfare's more radical

policies. True Path's leader, Tansu Ciller, is a former prime min-ister, was educated in the United States and is consid-

ered pro-Western. "I have good news for A new government has been formed." Mr Erbakan told reporters at the end of a meet-

ing with Mr DemireL Welfare's role in govern-ment is likely to make the powerful Turkish army uneasy, because the military has previously manoeuvred to block Welfare from government.

The party wants to leave Nato and supports setting up an Islamic rival alliance, and is in favour of an Islamic com-mon market instead of Tur-key's trade accord with the European Union.

Welfare opposes Turkey's military training agreement with Israel, and officials have said the agreement would be reviewed if the party came to Dower.

Welfare also rejects the USled allied coalition force which provides air shelter to Iraq's Kurds from a Turkish base. The force's mandate ex-

pires at the end of July. Mrs Ciller, who once prom ised never to join forces with Welfare, will be deputy prime minister and foreign minister in the new cabinet, Mr Erbakan said.

Welfare and True Path have enough seats to win a confidence vote, which is expected within the next 10 days. But some True Path deputies have signalled that they might vote against the coalition.

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whole enterprise of delivering a vibrant city of 6.2 million people into the hands of the last great communist beha-moth will depend on the far from entertaining labours of civil converts such as Tom

civil servants such as Tony Yan, a senior lawyer in the legal department. He heads a tedious project to translate 34

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Discordant notes hamper preparations to sound the last post in Hong Kong

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Locally enlisted servicemen

about 700 Chinese — lose

A matter of adjustment ... Yasser Arafat leaves his office yesterday for Friday prayers

With 12 months to go before the final act of Britain's imperial retreat, issues weighty and trivial crowd the calentheir jobs two months later with the disbandment of the dar as the Prince of Wales Barracks and Government House, Gurkha riflemen and colonial civil servants, be-wigged judges and the Royal Hong Kong Police prepare for the institution the inevitable. How the last peep of empire will sound is the responsi-bility of Rory Higgins, pro-gramme director for the Brit-ish Forces Broadcasting Service. Not until midnight will his four FM frequencies fall silent — or start carrying the martial music of the PLA. "At least with this posting you know when it will end," Mr Higgins said. "The British army is getting quite good at withdrawal. We're experts at draw-downs." Plans are under way to

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move his studio from the military's waterfront headquar-ters in the Central business district to a shipping con-tainer fitted with microphones and a transmitter. The final broadcast will be made from a Royal Navy ves-sel, part of a squadron that will chug into Victoria Harbour to collect Governor Chris Patten, Prince Charles - or whoever else is on hand

"This is the only way we can keep going right to the end," Mr Higgins said. "We'll be a sort of military Radio Caroline.'

Requests are being invited for the swansong of colonial-

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The approach of 1997 forced the resignation of the last non-Chinese government sec-retary this month. Haldar Barma, Hong Kong-born but ethnically Indian, stepped down as transport secretary to comply with a Beljing ruling that only those with Chinese blood hold such posts. "Whether one sees it as fair or not, one has got to be realistic," he told a local paper. "It's a fact that sovereignty

The actual handover prom-ises to be a testy affair. Brit-ain and China have yet to agree on even the form of a final ceremony.

"China is not eager to sing the praises of colonial rule in Hong Kong in unison with the British," said Tsang Yok-sing, leader of the colony's main Gurkhas pull out in October. pro-China political party. "For the Chinese, the Opium War and Britain's occupation marked more than a century of national humiliation."

Hong Kong Military Service Corps. Also on their way out are When Britain suggested a grand outdoor ceremony be-fore foreign dignitaries, tele-Hong Kong's non-Chinese civil servants. Top jobs will vision cameras, and thou-sands of journalists, China be closed to them after 1997 and many see little reason to stay. At least a third of Hong demanded instead a modest stay. At least a third of Hong Kong's senior police officers are due to leave before the dees from sharing toasts and

"Not too many Hong Kong people care whether the handover ceremony is big or small," said Dr Wu. "What

British diplomats now believe China's killjoy mood may be mellowing. The prime minister, Li Peng, announced recently that he had no objec-tions if "some British politi-dane" whether a "relocions and clans" want a "glorious and honourable withdrawal". Dr Raymond Wu, chief party planner for the Beijingappointed Preparatory Com-mittee, an assembly of fat cats

Once the British have left, Beijing plans to fly giant mechanical dragons in to Hong Kong from China

and China loyalists, says the real celebration will take place after the British have left. He wants David Copper-field to perform magic tricks and Pavarotti, Placido Do-mingo and José Carreras to serenade the entry of the new regime. A Chinese aerospace firm plans to send giant me chanical dragons flying in China.

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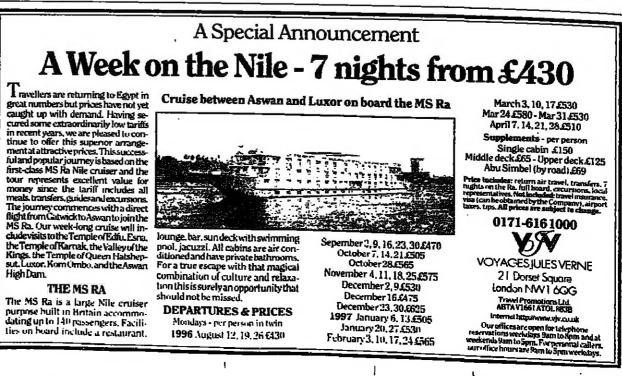
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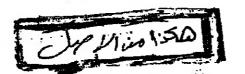
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gual lawyers has completed Chinese drafts of every Hong Kong law and is rushing to get them approved before the clock strikes midnight. A thick glossary of English and Chinese legal terms has also been produced. been produced. Not included, however, is a concept that many fear could play an important part in Hong Kong life after 1997: subversion. Hong Kong's future charter, the Beijing-drafted Basic Law, lists subversion as a crime. But, said Mr Yan: This concept does not exist





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Turkey tightens noose around Kurds

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Turkey's security council temporarily extended the mandate until the end of July, to give time for a coalition historical figures, the Kurdi-stan Democratic Party (KDP) government to be formed in Ankara - a coalition ce-

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Irag - with villagers caught in the

crossfire -**OWEN BOWCOTT reports** on the diplomatic crisis that threatens the unity of the anti-Saddam alliance

United Nations pro-tected zone of northern Iraq, where a driver can spend a week, grinds slowly past a succession of Turkish army barracks.

Its perimeter walls are daubed with slogans against the Kurdish Workers' Party, declaring "Death to the PKK". Though the graffiti may be the unofficial work of army conscripts, the flight of black Cobra helicoptars and army conscripts, the flight of black Cobra helicopters and squadrons of parked tanks reinforce the scorched-earth message.

Once lorries have negoti-ated customs and trundled across the River Tigris into Iraq over a narrow pontoon bridge, the hand-painted signs change to "Welcome to Kurdistan". Peshmerga. guards, in assorted, non-matching khaki fatigues, check vehicles as they pass and administer paperwork worthy of a fully fledged bureaucratic state.

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HE six-mile queue | diplomatic crisis that threat-of oil-hungry lorries | ens to undermine the unity of approaching the | the Gulf war allies against ens to undermine the unity of the Gulf war allies against Saddam Hussein is laid bare. The rebellion and repression that here with the second second that have pitted the separatist

PKK fighters against the Turkish army for 12 years may yet determine the future of the UN-sanctioned Opera-tion Provide Comfort. Many generals and politi-cians in Ankara fear that the longer a semi-autonomous Kurdish enclave is allowed to

areas." Those who watch develop-ments from the skies above the Mesopotamian plains are also anxious about the disdent Kurdistan in Turkey's south-eastern provinces. As a consequence, so-called "hot-

pursuit" operations by the army against alleged PKK bases in northern Iraq have intensified. The latest incursion, on Thursday, involved 12 battal-ions of commandos, special Turkish police detachments

and pro-government Kurdish militia: who crossed the Iraqi border south of lakkari. Their advance was covered

mented yesterday between tated by the raids. While the KDP insists it the Islamist Welfare Party of Necmettin Erbakan and the True Path Party of the former prime minister, Tansu Ciller. Some generals have repor-tedly argued that Provide does not advocate full Kurdish independence and is more concerned with the threat of Iraqi aggression, its relations with Turkey are becoming Comfort - or Poised Ham-mer, as they call it - allows "The PKK is not our probthem the access to establish a south Lebanon-style security lem," insists Abdul Aziz, the KDP spokesman who was a headmaster when Saddam tone in northern Iraq to insu-

late Turkey from the PKK. As well as straining its rela-tions with the UN combined Hussein's regime controlled "There are mobile PKK force, the Turkish govern-ment's record in the war camps in the mountains and we do not have the power to remove them. The Turkish army has recently shelled 19 villages in the north of Irag, many, of which were rebuilt by foreign aid organisations against the PKK threatens to sour the country's hopes of joining the European Union. Granted membership of the EU's customs union on Janu-ary 1. Ankara is about to face Those people in the villages are poor. The Turks know the villages are not helping the PKK." ary 1. Ankara is about to face a series of judgements in the European Court of Human Rights on its alleged destruc-tion of Kurdish villages. The army's campaign, de-veloped as a counter-insur-gency tactic to deny the PKK support and refuge in the

But Mr Aziz recognises Turkey's crucial role in pro-viding the airbase at Incirilk from which United States, support and refuge in the mountains, has resulted in brutal killings, forced migra-British, French and Turkish jets enforce the no-fly zone in northern Iraq. "If the allies stay, then Seddam will never tion, disappearances, arbitrary arrests and plunder of dare enter the Kurdish property, according to the London-based Kurdish Human Rights Project (KHRP).

The policy has been en-forced in such a widespread tances involved. Brigadierand systematic manner that between 2,500 and 3,000 vil-General Donald Lamontagne, the US air force officer comlages have been demolished in south-east Turkey since manding Operation Provide Comfort at Incirlik, admits it 1985

The violence, which has de-stabilised the region and driven away tourist business, has forced an estimated 2 milwould be difficult to fly from would be amount to up from Jordan or Cyprus if the Turk-ish government ended the mandate to use the airbase. "Look at the geography, if you are going to enforce a no-fur one in Lrac." he says lion people to flee their homes yoù are going to enforce a no-fly zone in Iraq," he says. "Even if Syria gave permis-sion for over-flying, if you

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tion of Villages in South-East | claims of Tecent army Turkey, published this month.

atrocities One recent case in the vil-lage of Hiskamerg, Advinies north-east of Divarbakir H hustrates the predication of farmers caugif, between the PKK and the army One local. Mehdi Arl, who was last seen the heading for the shoundaris, province, Necati Bilican, said: weighed down with Kalashni. "All these incidents are slan-The issue is likely to be raised again next week, when a team of investigators from the European Commission for Human Rights in Strasbourg

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travels to Turkey to interview dispossessed villagers and se-curity officials to examine

for years to recruit villagers and burning villages. That is as paramilitary village guards and "collaborators" to fight the PKK "Soldiers, and village

why people, are fleeing to the cities." To reinforce his point, a press secretary handed out la-"Soldiers, and village guards from nearby Huseyna village, have regularly intimi-dated us. But no one wanted to betray the Kurdish people," the farmer said, ner-vously twisting prayer beads in his hand. "Many of us have been arrested and held in prison. They have sometimes burnt down houses and mixed belled photographs showing mutilated bodies, charred remains and blooded corpses — said to be the work of the PKK.

Turkey's Human Rights Association (IHD) agrees that the PKK have killed village teachers and burnt schools for allegedly disseminating burnt down houses and mixed our food - wheat, barley, pro-government propaganda. But the IHD office in Diyarba-Sugar — and detergent all into one pile on the ground." On the evening of May 28, the village guards from Hu-Seyna again raided the 60 mud huts and houses which form Hiskamerg. "Two of them, carrying Kalashnikovs and grenades went on abeed kir has received numerous reports of the army burning Hiskamerg.

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and grenades, went on ahead. The first person they came across was Mehdi Ari. They told him to point out houses where there were PKK Supporters. "But he invited the two men to his hut, made them tea and encouraged them to relax. They left their guns in one corner, so he seized the chance, picked up a Kalashni-kov and shot them both dead.

Was ton about the attings in Hiskamerg. "Mehdi Ari wasn't a mem-ber of the PKK," the farmer insisted. "He was just a Kurd-ish patriot. Now we cannot go hack to our houses."

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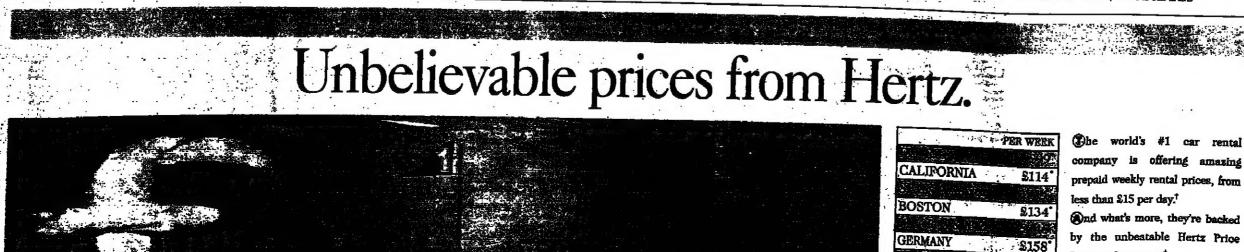
too scared to drive off the main road into the hills. At nearby Silvan, the same story was told about the killings in

Then he called everyone together and told them to get out before the army arrived.

"We all left by tractors or ran away on foot. By mid-night, Hiskamerg was empty. Most of us came to Diyarbakir or hid in other villages." No one had been back since,

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and wounding 15. In Turkey, the office of the joint chiefs of the general staff denied the attacks on ish troops had opened fire on Kurdish rebels trying to infiltrate from Iran.



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bushyantor, who has thrived in the three weeks since Epsom, finished two and a half lengths in front of fifth-placed Alhaarth in the Statistics show that of the last 13 Epsom runners-up which have turned out at The Curragh, only three - El Derby. There has been a wel-ter of money for Dick Hern's colt to take his revenge, based Gran Senor, Law Society and St Jovite - have gained consolation in the Irish Derby. However, it must be doubtlargely on an impressive galful whether any of the beaten horses suffered the buffeting lop at Newbury racecourse when last season's top juve-Dushyantor took at Epsom. nile wore blinkers.

pacemaker. Dushyantor, who has

Pat Eddery was of the opin-ion that he would never have beaten Shaamit, but I find this rather surprising since Dushyantor got within a NEXT year's Derby will June 7. Three weeks after this year's big race, the ex-RRT chairman Christolength and a quarter of the winner after losing at least six lengths through being chopped off on several

ecutives of Epsom race-True, Dushyantor was course have voted in favour of continuing with the Claswithin striking range of Shaa-mit when the latter quickened sic as a weekend fixture. away two furlongs out. But Eddery had been unable to ride the race he wanted, owing to repeated interfer-ence, and over tomorrow's A campaign, led by racing commentator Peter O'Sullevan, had demanded a owing to repeated interfer-ence, and over tomorrow's more conventional terrain Dushyantor can show he too Although Dushyantor had Epsom have the support of TV."

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thing of an unknown quan-tity, but is a short enough price based on his achieve-ments to date, although his supporters can point to the fact that he beat Astor Place

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pher Spence said yesterday: "A number of factors influ-enced our decision, the most important being our belief that the Vodafone Derby, a national event and one of the eight sporting events listed by Parlia-ment, should be held on a day that can attract the largest potential audience, whether at Epsom or on

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Unless the lightly-raced Sharaf Kabeer proves out of the ordinary, or the recent performance by Amfortas is taken at face value, it is hard to make a case out for any-thing else. Dushyantor (4.00) gets a confident vote. Some excellent sport on the

domestic scene is dominated by the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle today. The rain had arrived at Gosforth Park last night, which will please Lord Huntingdon, the in-form trainer of ante-post favourite

Snow Princess. Provided there is no jar in

the ground, Snow Princess (3.50) is strongly fancied to maintain the improvement which saw her finish last season with a convincing victory in the November Handicap.

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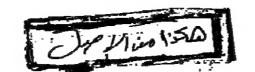
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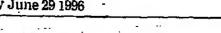
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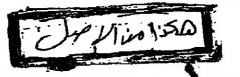
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Tour de France

William Fotheringham reports from Den Bosch in southern Netherlands where today's time-trial launches the three-week epic

Jalabert and Co gun for Indurain for control

N THE last decade the Tour de France has be-come to the French rather what Wimbledon has become to the British; a magnificent worldwide event of their invention where, unfortunately, they no longer provide the winners.

It is 11 years since a It is 11 years since a Frenchman last won the Tour — Bernard Hinault in 1985 — which is the country's longest blank spell since the years of the First World War. It is seven since a home rider has evan finished in the first three. three

At such moments of crisis the natural tendency is to clutch at straws, to pin hopes on figures who perhaps do not deserve such pressure, and that is the situation into which Laurent Jalabert, who finiched fourth lattert, who finished fourth last year, has been thrust. Understandably perhaps, in view of the need to maintain home interest, the race orga-

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niser Jean-Marie Leblanc is among those who have tipped Jalabert as this year's chal-lenger to Miguel Indursin's relentless progress to his sixth successive win. Jalabert is as quiet and self-

effacing as the man the French would love him to top-ple and he rides for a Spanish team but, in spite of his nation's armchair optimism, the similarities end there.

Flat-out prologue chance for Boardman to 'get something in the bag'

SURANCE" is how in This year Boardman will Britain's Chris Board | start the event which has man describes this evening's prologue time-trial for which he is the favourite for the second year run-ning, grites William, Folheringhum

The swarthy 27-year-old (their leader will do the busi-from Mazamet in south | ness for them. Until Indurain western France won no fewer than 30 races last year, in-cluding two one-day Classics. team underlings — had taken a victory in his own right since the leader had tri-umphed in last year's Tour. a crushing victory in the Tour of Spain and a superb Tour de France stage win on the day most calculated to stir In their absolute reliance on one key figure Banesto are the last redoubt of cycling's old feudal system where a team had one baron and a French patriotism. July 14.

Jalabert's status as a su-preme all-rounder is reflected by his No.1 position in the world rankings but the man dozen serfs who pander to his the faces has developed over the past decade into the ulti-mate exponent of this one punishing event. But the Indurain-Jalabert confrontation is more than the battle between the sparts

every need. ONCE, on the other hand, embody the hydra-headed ap-proach adopted by most mod-ern teams, who realise the dangers of relying for results on one star. A crash or a badly-timed illness can spell disaster. So, while Jalabert is down

as the team's leader over the next three weeks and 2,500 miles, he will not be the only ONCE man Indurain has to watch. The Swiss Alex Zülle finished higher than the Frenchman last year, in second place to Jalabert's

fourth, with a mountain stage win to his credit: moreover he has enjoyed a perfect build-up this year. Another current ONCE

rider Melchior Mauri beat In-durain for the Tour of Spain back in 1991 and was sixth in go through the motions for last year's Tour. The team most of the year, safe in the will include at least another knowledge that, come July,

hands of his doctor. At ONCE Manolo Saiz has no cycling pedigree, is seen as an outsider by the clique of old pros who run the bulk of Tour teams and is a personal trainer to each of his squad Totally different ap-proaches to racing are the result. ONCE aim to crush the opposition in every event, shaping each race as they want it; their finest moment

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championship and, although AMON HILL may have to work harder than he had expected to sustain the Williams Renault team's performance advantage in tomor-row's French Grand Prix if the efforts of Mika Hakkinen and Olivier Panis in yesterday's first free practice ses-sion here are any guide. He is also in no doubt that he will face an increasingly

uncompromising challenge from his team-mate Jacques Villeneuve in the second half of the season. Villeneuve, who set the seventh fastest time, one place behind Hill, warned that he was unhappy with the way Hill had cut across him at the start of the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal and promised he will not be such a soft touch if that tactic is repeated.

Hill found himself strug-gling slightly here at the Cir-cult de Nevers, having lost valuable time after a spectac-ular loss of control under hard braking for the S-bend before the pits.

"There are several areas of the circuit where we have some problems with the car which I think can be dialled out in time for qualifying," plaining." No said Hill. "Complacency is climbs on t the greatest threat. I might iomorrow in not finish the next two races, home crowd.

that would make it more exciting, I don't want it to hap-pen. If I start soft pedalling, my lead will evaporate." Panis took full advantage of his local knowledge, with the Ligher team being based close

to the track: he posted the fastest time early in the ses-sion and remained ahead until Hakkinen's McLaren-Mercedes displaced him with a run on fresh tyres with two

minutes to spare. The McLaren team finished the day with its fingers crossed that this upsurge in form reflected aerodynamic improvements tested success-fully at Silverstone last week. For Panis it was an opportu-nity to emphasise that his win at Monaco was more than

a one-shot wonder. That success, achieved after a cleverly judged refuelling stop put him ahead of David Coulthard's McLaren and allowed him to emerge first in line after the retirement of Hill and Jean Alesi, gave Panis instant celebrity status in France.

"Yes, it has been a big change," he said. "When I go shopping, everybody recog-nises me. It can be a little tir-ing but I'm certainly not com-plaining." Nor will be be if he climbs on the restrum climbs on to the rostrum tomorrow in front of his

Rugby Union

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David Plummer

ARDIFF yesterday signed three of the Submer minry, set to follow. Wales in last season's Five Nations Championship and also concluded the £85,000 move of the Wales Rugby Lesgue captain David Young Caption and the season's five Nations Championship and also concluded the £85,000 move of the Wales Rugby Lesgue captain David Young Caption and the season's five Nations Championship and Second also concluded the £85,000 Caption and the season's five Nations Championship and Second also concluded the first season's five Nations Championship and Second also concluded the first season's five Caption and the season's five Nations Championship and Second also concluded the first season's five Caption and the season's five Second also concluded the first season's five Caption and the season's five Second also concluded the first season's five Caption and the season's five Second also concluded the first season's five Caption and the season's five Second also concluded the first season's five Caption and first season's five Second also concluded the first season's five Caption and first season's five Second also concluded the first season's five Second also concluded the first season's five Caption and first season's five Second also concluded the first season's five Second also concl

centre Leigh Davis, who were both being courted by Bath, along with the Llanelli full-back Justin Thomas, who will time to wear letters rather

nationals, including the Wales wing forward Gwyn Jones, who could be out of action for six months with a shoulder injury, set to follow. ● The Scottish Rugby Union from Salford. The Bridgend scrum-half and other expenses cost Robert Howley and the Neath 2685,000 and a further 2379,000

start the event which has

the battle between the sport's finest all-rounder and its top specialist. It is a confronta-tion between two different philosophies of cycling, and philosophies of sport expressed ultimately of sport, expressed by two polar-opposite teams. It has the potential to make this the most interesting Tour de France for years. Big Mig's Banesto and Jaja's

Big Mig's Banesto and Jaja's ONCE — sponsored, respec-tively, by one of Spain's big-gest banks and its largest charitable lottery — represent the old-style and the modern approaches to cycling. Banesto are built solely around the fit 3 in frame of Indurain. The team's racets Indurain. The team's racers

given too much leeway. The managements are simi-larly chalk and cheese. At Banesto Jose-Miguel Echa-varri embodies the typical former professional who is adept at making on-the-road tactical deals but leaves his star's training firmly in the



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ary committee, Hall "deliber-ately, callously and forcibly attacked the head of an oppo-nent with his elbow". His disciplinary record, which in-

> went on a downward ride to the obscurity of 69th place in the rankings last season. Yesterday they went in op-posite directions as a revived Richardson shot a record-equalling 63 to lead the Franch Open at the National French Open at the National Club. Montgomerie, despite a deflant eagle three at the 18th, failed to beat the cut for the first time this season - an inauspicious start to his

weekends have been spent at home rather than on the golf course, his failure in the English Open being the most galling as he dropped seven

shots in the last six holes. But the 29-year-old, whose Scottish-born father John is the Les-on-Solent club professional, has never lost faith in his ability. "I looked on that nasty experience at the Forest

better next time," he said. An eagle at the 9th, where him a two-stroke advantage

Paul Fitzpatrick

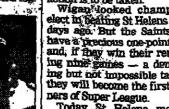
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ued to persist with such actions. It was their duty, they actions. If was their duty, may said, to protect other players. Jeff Wine, Bramley's chair-man, said: "This is typical of the sentences Bramley have fourfared this season. We feel the are are being picked on.

last year when he took the mail-lot journe by accident, then proved he can last the page and ride a fair time-trial to take fifth. Shyness incatmate, he won the totaghest mouth tain stage of this year's Giro d'Italia while wavning up for the Tour and may prove a successor to the absent Marco Pantani, the top climber recovering from a broken leg.

account



Leeds side showing marked signs of improvement but the Saints are unlikely to lose ground this; weekend. They could even steal a march on Wigan, who are below strength against Warrington at Wilderspool tomorrow.

Wigan have not lost there for 10 years but Martin Hall, the Wales hooker, will be leading a pack containing four 20-year-olds in Knowles, Haughton, Barrow and Johnson. Radlinksi, Offiah and Paul are absent from the back division. Wigan are facing a "tricky assignment", according to their coach, Graeme West

Michael Britten in Paris WHEN Steven Richardson won twice in the first five weeks of his second season, gained 1991 Ryder Cup honours and finished runnerup in the Order of Merit, he looked set to emulate the me-

teoric rise of Colin Montgomerie. But, while the Scot pro-gressed to the premier posi-tion, his English counterpart went on a downward ride to

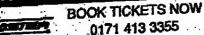
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he chipped in, and eight birdies enabled Richardson to match the course record set by Paul Broadhurst en route to victory last year. It gave

over the 11-under-par Raymond Burns (66) of Ireland, with Broadburst (64), Ian Woosnam (65) and South Africa's Retief Goosen (68) a further shot back in joint-third. Montgomerie, who added a 69 to his opening 78, said: "This is a much better course than a cut at three under suggests. There is no rough and it is too easy."





yesterday, the biggest single Tour bet ever taken by Hill's. Harrs onton 2-5 indersin, 13-2 islatert 8-1 forminger, 10-1 form 12-11 Zulle, 16-1 Chano, Riss. Special, Boardman bett Chano, Riss. Special, Boardman bett, 9-1 b win; 4-9 to binific system, top 10.

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lights as a bleached goatee beard, a Harley Davidson, a picture of Pamela Anderson glued to his handlebars to raise his testosterone levels and wackily tinted shorts. Un-



KING of the sprinters with 15 victories this year, including the Italian championship last weekend. II Magnifico hams up his wild-man image with such de-Paris last year, when he came within a few seconds of beat-ing Indurain in the first major time-trial.

Shares a trainer with Rominger and has had a buildup so low key that it calls into likely to last the course but question whether he has any business, he will never match will liven up the first week. form or is merely bluffing. Indurain in the time trials.



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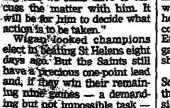
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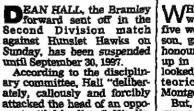
CURLY-HAIRED Alain Delon lookalike. French housewives think he is mignon thanks to his Gazza-like habit of bursting into tears when he takes his annual mountain stage win and flood the Tour's post

office with fannall. Was King of the Mountains for the past two years but, while he can go up a mountain like nobody's

ing nine games - a demand-ing but not impossible task they will become the first winners of Super League. Today St Helens meet



The player was not at the hear-



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David Lacey meets the new England manager and hears the opening and shutting of doors in a spirit of continuity

Hoddle picks up the team theme Uhrin test

XIT the cheeky chappie, enter the straight man. Firm of jaw, single of mind and more or less sound of verb and vowel, Glenn Hoddle yesterday announced his pres-ence as Terry Venables's England successor by stressing that he would not be a new broom. He does, however, have a predilection for

sweepers. At 40 Hoddle is 13 years Venables's junior but only two years younger than Alf Ramsey at the time of his appointment in 1962. Hoddle's task is to take England to the 1998 World Cup in France. His first game as coach will be the qualifier in Moldova on September 1, followed by Poland's visit to Wembley on Georgia a month later with a crucial home match against Italy next February.

Venables's success in taking England to the last four of the European Championship has left Hoddle with no illusions. "The team have been playing at Wembley for nearly two years, with only two or three away matches." he pointed out. "This is where we'll really have to change our thoughts and our minds

as a group of people. "The first game is going to be the important one. We will be going away to play a qualifler in a different country and that's something most of these players have not really experienced, although they

might just be ready for it." Hoddle's England will play the Venables way with slight changes of emphasis in method and personnel. He clearly intends promoting some of the younger members of the European Championship squad who did not get a game and made it clear yes terday that a closed-shop pol-"The door isn't shut for

anybody outside the squad." he said. "The people who have done well have obviously put themselves in a good position to stay in it but they've still got to earn the right to stay

Yet for Matthew Le Tissier England's most celebrated outsider, an international career may not be just around the corner, even now. "Compared to 10 years ago there is a lack of individual play both in this tournament and in world football generally."

ises to be a far corner of a foreign field that is forever Swindon. Or Chelsea, if it comes to that. As manager at the County Ground and Stamford Bridge, Hoddle habitually employed three defend-ers with the full-backs pushing into midfield. He sees

Glenn Hoddle inherits England's new respectability and goes straight into World Cup qualifying in September 💿 DAN SMATH Looking towards France, 1998 of strong team play. You have "You can't put yourself in a to build a team, which is what corner." he said. 'It would be Gareth Southgate played with Terry has done and what silly to say now that we're ala libero's instincts. John Gorman reckoned most managers are doing. I'll be no different." This sounways going to play with a sweeper, or this way or that that Hoddle himself was the ded like a Matt finish. way. But I know how I want Under Hoddle there prom

to play." Previous England managers have toyed with sweepers but only Bobby Robson adopted the system with any conviction, and then very belatedly, when he used Mark Wright as a libero during the 1990 World Cup. While Vens-bles successfully switched to Ground.

best player he had seen in the role at Swindon and Chelsea. bred success, the vibes were Gorman is the new England positive and the national assistant, having first met eam was now respected the Hoddle when the pair were on Tottenham's books in the world over. However, reaching the final eventies and then worked stages of a major tournament with him at the County is all about results and, well though England have just "Glenn will not change played, they were held to

employ a sweeper although | back and, if he can find the | Cup qualifiers and Hoddle's team would be in trouble. Venables had 2% years to right man, he will play with a weeper. If not, he won't.' Hoddle dutifully paid tribprepare for the European ute to Venables's achieve-

Championship. Hoddle will ments with England. Success have five days to sort out his team for Moldova. This he described as "a very difficult situation to be in". At least Hoddle's media

honeymoon has begun se-renely. But when he was giving television interviews yesterday word came that the waiting reporters were laughfore taking the final to pen-

David Lacey finds a cavalier Uefa hurting the republic

likely to

OMEHOW it is hard, when contemplating tomorrow's European Championship final, to summon up the urge to hum an Ode to Joy. If the Germans can be allowed to replenish their depleted squad it is more a case of Roll Over Beethoven.

Football tournaments usu-ally get the finals they de-serve. The dull denouement to an entertaining 1994 World Cup was an exception. It is to be hoped that Wembley is about to witness another. Germany are strongly fan-cied to win because German teams usually win the prizes.

In all they have won the World Cup three times and the European Championship twice. This will be their 11th major final.

Germany's strolling 2-0 victory over the Czechs at Old Trafford in the opening match of Group C also suggests another triumph tomorrow. This does not necessar Hungary best West Germany 8-3 at the start of the 1954 World Cup, only to lose to them 3-2 in the final — but raids. the win will have done no harm to the confidence of Berti Vogts's players. Certainly that match has more relevance to what hap-pens now than the muchquoted precedent of Czecho-slovakia's defeat of West Germany on penalties in the final of the 1976 European Championship. Panenka's cheeky chip remains an em-

barrassing German memory but today's opponents are a different country, a chip off an old Czechoslovak block. In terms of square kilo-metres Germany is greater than it was 20 years ago but in this tournament the team has hardly aspired to great-ness. The German revivals of 1976, coming from 2-0 down to beat Yugoslavia in the semifinals and then going two down to Czechoslovakia be-

be negative the services of Helmer. as well as Klinsmann. But the Czechs have every right to protest in the strongest terms if regulations are upended in such a cavalier fashion.

such a cavalier fashion. Vogts has also lost Reuter and Möller, who each picked up a second yellow card in Wednesday's semi-final against England. Strunz will probably replace Reuter on the right with Wester comthe right, with Hässler coming into midfield for Moller. Having lost Latal. Bejbl.

Kuka and Suchoparek to second yellow cards for the semi-final with France, the Czechs did little more than get nine men behind the ball and wait for the penalty shoot-out. In fact, since their initial boldness against the Germans, when Ziege and Möller won the game with two goals in six minutes around the half-hour, the Czechs have spent much of Euro 96 in the trenches. For Wembley this is a grint

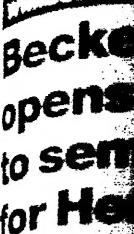
prospect, although it has to be said that, while the Czech Republic do not have the quality of the Denmark side that beat the Germans in the 1992 final, they have acquired the Danes' ability to defend leads taken in hit-and-run

Dusan Uhrin, the Czech coach, is not likely to change the way his team plays now Again Hornak, Kadlec and Suchoparek, unmoving and immoveable, will form a ram-pert behind a midfield designed to cramp the opposition's space and catch them on the break. Once more Po-borsky will be the Czech Republic's one free spirit. The match could do with Berger, whose appearances have been restricted through illness, on at the start.

Given Germany's attacking limitations, Ziege needs to be a stronger force on the left than he was on Wednesday. England saw little of Sam-mar's stealthy forward runs but Germany may well need these if they are again to disturb the Czech defence.

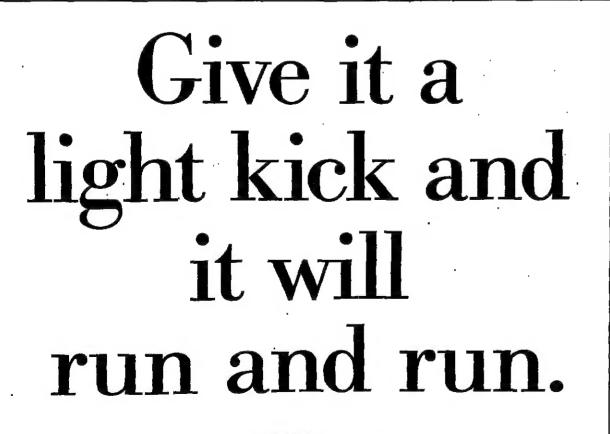
Another final settled by a shoot-out is an obvious possibility. In fact, since two of the quarter-finals and both semifinals went to penalties, it will be surprising if the last contest is settled in open p

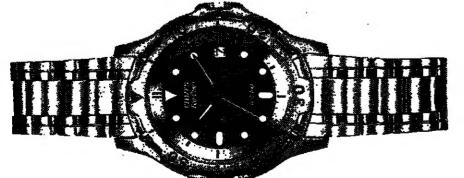




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said Hoddle. "The way the modern game is being played there is a lot with England. pushing into midfield. He sees the system bles successfully switched to a three-man defence shortly before Euro 96 he still did not is to play with three at the similar sequence in the World ing too loudly. For the mo-ment at least, they are laugh-ing with him.





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ing too loudly. For the mo-ment at least, they are laugh-ends but this team is a

Pairetto enjoys the final say two years after dismissal

PIERLUIGI PAIRETTO, the referee for tomorrow's Euro 96 final, is probably best known to Britons for being the man in the middle when Real Zaragoza's Nayim fam-Real Zaragoza's Nayim fam-bas the mentality for a same Real Zaragoza's Nayim fam-ously lobbed David Seaman from close to the halfway line has the mentality for a game like this," he said. Pairetto, who also speaks English and French, retorted: "Unfortunately I realise that you get idiots in every last year to deprive Arsenal of

ast year to deprive Arsenai of a second successive European Cup Winners' Cup. Pairetto, an Italian with a degree in veterinary science, also managed to draw atten-tion to himself in the United States in 1994, when Fifa sent him home from the World Cup after the second-round game country. I know better than to let myself be affected by statements like that."

after the second-round game between Romania and Argentina. "He failed to meet ex-pected standards," said the Uefa president Sepp Blatter. "He will not referee in this tournament again."

tournament again." Pairetto, now 43, also handled the England v Scot-land game two week ago, issu-ing five yellow cards and giv-ing a penalty to the Scots. A veteran of 324 Italian league games, he says he likes referee-ing British players. "They are honest. English and Scots have the right mentality." One the right mentality." One Briton who did not see eye to eye with Pairetto's appointment for the England v Scot-land game was Clive Thomas

Sports Bettina

AR from the bookmakers paying the penalty for

England's success, the penal-ties have once more paid the

ties have once more paid the bookmakers. Gareth South-gate saved them an estimated 26 million on Wednesday but he is not the only spot-flop in their good books. Zola did Eurobet a six-fig-ure favour with his penalty failure against Germany, as the Woking-based firm takes

the Woking-based firm takes bets from all over Europe but its biggest client group by far is in Italy. That team's early exit capped a lucrative tour-

nament for Eurobet, with some brave pricing decisions rewarded by good publicity and very convenient results. A Czech Republic victory

tomorrow would round things

off nicely for all the bookies. The Czechs' 200-1 rags to-riches story has so far fol-lowed Denmark's 1992 script.

Both teams went into every

Julian Turner



Pairetto ... unmoved

case in five of the six quarter-

and semi-finals. Back the results at half-time and fulltime to be draw-Germany at 4-

Whatever happens tomormonument to functionalism. Should Germany win tomorrow it will be a triumph of football politics. If they are allowed to add, say, Riedle and Völler to their squad it will prove that there is one rule for the Germans and an-other for the Germans and another for the rest. The fact that the Czechs have been offered a similar facility is irrelevant.

Uefa is clearly worried about the spectacle. Perhaps it should have explained to David Elleray that it was not necessary to book 10 Germans and Czechs at Old Trafford. Either way this makes a mockery of squad deadlines. Injuries have deprived Vogts of Kohler, Basler and Bobic and may yet deny him

row, the tournament will owe England a huge debt. The group matches were reason-ably entertaining but the quality the knockout stage badly needed disappeared with Italy. Overall the quarter-finals were a profound dis-appointment and the Czech-France semi-final was a travesty of international football,

England and Germany saved Euro 96 from tactical rigor mortis. The final desperately needs an early goal to keep the occasion alive.

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Shearer is staying, say Rovers

ian Ross

BLACKBURN Rovers and insisted that the Euro 96 top scorer Alan Shearer will be staying at Ewood Park next season. As speculation that the As speculation that the England centre-forward is poised to join Manchester United neared fever pitch Jack Walker, Blackburn's

that the 25-year-old Shearer would not be leaving for a reported £12 mil-lion plus the £7 millionrated Andy Cole.

rated Andy Cole. "There is no way Alan Shearer is going any-where," he said. "He wants to play for us next season. We are planning to bring in new players; we shall be strengthening not weaken-ing our squad." Leicester City are dis-cussing a club-record 61.8

benefactor, took the un-usual step of intervening to discuss the club's affairs in public. Walker insisted

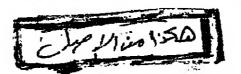
Sailing

Peck in order for Cowes double

Bob Fisher

THIS morning 1,368 yachts will gather off the Royal Yacht Squadron castle at Cowes to start the 60th Round the Island Race. They range from the 84ft Longobarda of Mike Slade to the 20ft Hunter Medinas and will be handi-capped accordingly, though capped accordingly, though there are also one-design classes. One of the 50 multi-hulls should be first home. The principal prize is the Gold Roman Bowl, whose pre-vious winners have included Sir Edward Heath there.

Sir Edward Heath three Sir Edward Heath three times. Among the crews in contention are last year's winner, Greg Peck's Camp Freddie, who has a good chance to pull off the double with the forecast fresh condi-tions. But Stephen Balley's Arbitrator, the top parformed Arbitrator, the top performer in the Commodores' Cup trials, will be hard to beat.



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Time to back the Czechs to do half well game as underdogs, with the Czechs still rated 12-1 for the title at the semi-final stage. While the outsiders are no longer good value at a best-price 9-4 to win or 5-1 to best title at the semi-final stage. While the outsiders are no longer good value at a best-price 9-4 to win, or 5-1 to beat Coral if they did not have to beat Italy to claim their Germany in 90 minutes, they have offered great resistance

group's one definite qualifywhen not chasing the game. If ing place. Portugal also tempt at 25-1 but at this stage there is only one outstanding bet: France. Like the champions Brazil, the hosts are guaranteed a place in the final 32, they are a young team who will im-prove and as we have seen, home advantage matters. Sunderlands of London offer France at 8-1 and it is hard to see them starting the ing place.

offer France at 8-1 and it is hard to see them starting the competition at a better price. SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford travel to The Valley this eve-ning to face London. Most firms call it even but Hill's make the stray toom format make the away team favour-ites and seem to oversiate their advantage. Back London l and draw-draw also at 4-1. WORLD CUP 1998: Brazil are at their 5-6 to do better than lose by six points,

Germany score early there could be an avalanche, but half-time equality could pro-vide a value bet. Most firms offer "double result" betting where punters predict the winners at both half- and full-time. Usually these make poor bets as the bookmakers work to a profit bookmakers work to a prom margin of around 20 per cent. Not so this time, however, as Hill's seem to have under-estimated the chances of the final staying level until the break — which has been the

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WIMBLEDON: DAY FIVE **Becker blow** opens path to semi-final for Henman

Stephen Bierley sees Britain's No. 1

get a lucky break

HOSE who supposed Tim Henman's all-British third-round Milligan on Centre Court was in some strange way an exten-sion of pre-Southgate Euro 96 received a sharp disappointment yesterday afternoon.

The glory, glory may come next week but at 5.20pm, under glowering skies, Hen-man, serving for the match, had to scuttle off as the sum-

mer rains descended. He was leading 6-1, 6-3, 5-4. Despite the anti-climax, Henman was immediately for-tified by the news that Germany's Borls Becker, three times the Wimbledon cham-pion and the No. 2 seed, had been forced out by a wrist thinks injury.

Henman had previously alded Becker's cause by removing Yevgeny Kafelni-kov, Russia's French Open champion, from the bottom half of the draw. Now the British No.1 may be half British No.1 may be half thinking of a sami-final place himself

This has been a wonderful week for Henman, currently ranked 62nd in the world but poised to enter the top 50 on Monday. That same day he is the Centre Court crowd very due to meet South Africa's Wayne Ferreira, whose own match against Sweden's Mag-nus Gustafsson never reached

Centre Court. Poor Milligan, the British No.8 and ranked more than 200 places below Henman, was a bag of jangling nerves. This was the first all-British men's match on Centre Court for 58 years and every one of them seemed to be weighing on Milligan's shoulders.

He lost his serve three times in the opening set when Hanman was caimness per-sonified. Thereafter Henman's concentration wavered weather permitting, should be a brief formality.

gaze down his own half of the draw and hope he might per-haps still catch a bit of the fall-out. Two of his most dan-gerous rivals, Croatia's Goran Ivaniseveic (No. 4) and Germany's Michael Stich (No. 10) remain to ambush him and prevent a fourth successive title.

him and prevent a fourth successive title. For Becker, previously without a Grand Slam title since 1991, the year began promisingly when he defeated Michel Chang in the Austra-lian Open final. But then a vi-rus, followed by a thigh in-jury, prevented him from playing the French Open, the only Grand Slam title he has never won. never won.

Becker has never been happy on clay, which negates his huge serves and outright winners, but he was clearly in excellent form just before Wimbledon, by far his favourite tournament. He had won at Queen's and was display-ing impressive form. "I was playing great tennis," he said

vesterday. Becker's first visit to Wim-beldon in 1984 also ended in a third-round retirement when he broke his ankle while playing Bill Scanlon, The following year, as a 17-year-old, he returned to win the final against Kevin Curren.

Becker was champion again in 1986 and 1989. He has also much on his side, he lost to

Sampras. Becker had twice broken Godwin's serve in the open-ing set but immediately lost his own. His return on the South African's second ser-vice hit the frame of the racket and Becker immedi-ately winced. He knew

straight away that the injury was serious. - It is also worrying in the longer term. "Twe been in and out of hospital a few times but it become much more serious when it's your right hand. it's something you are really sensitive about because you know the service arm is the

All-England clubbing . . . Tim Hemman, left, appeared to be heading for a win over Luke Milliann on Centre Court before the rain yesterday

Sanchez a matriarch in the making

Frank Keating sees convincing victory for the Spaniard who has grown in maturity T WAS a story of all wrists to the mill yestarday. But, while Boris Backer proved is s abe ever does, grawing Afterwards abe had been

T WAS a story of all wrists to the mill yesterday. But, while Boris Becker proved terminal as far as these Championships are con-erned, Arantxa Sanchez Vi-hard construction of the sartice was the series of the terminal as far in the sartice are stored of the sartice are store terminal as far as these Championships are con-cerned, Arantza Sanchez Vicario shrugged off her stretched wrist ligament when she returned to the Can-tre Court for the first time lever. Her service was fitfal, particularly in the first set and before the injury, caused

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worked and she won. Afterwards she had been asked if she realised her duty was to entertain the public. "No," she said, "my duty is just to my job, I don't have to care about the people." This was interpreted as mighty conical. Later she said she Pierce), or court appearances to defend their honour against former famale lovers (Martina Navratilova and Bille-Jean King), get busted for drugs (Jennifer Capriati), umphant maturity. had been mis-quoted because her English is bad. It is not. In (Seles), the only time Sanchez Vicario has made one of those women's tour calls the two Spaniards the very best of friends — but Arantxa begs to differ: "She has her friends columns was when she was reported walking down the other words, another chance for the immortal explanation: "Que? I'm from Barcelona". Champs-Elysées with a handand I have mine."

the Catalan's escutcheon. Nothing about her had previ-ously had gossip columnists twitching and sniffing the air. While her peers have jailbird fathers (Graf and Mary

However passingly trivial, some Latin man. It turned out that was the first tiny plot on to be her brother Emilio.

ago has grown to maturity to display the glint of competi-tive steel which was always there. It had to be. To play — and beat — Martines a week today would be a particularly operative proof to her of a tri-umphant maturity. The

rolled in joy round the dusty red clay of Paris as a 17-year-old when she announced herself to the world six summers

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SPORTS NEWS 11

Sport in brief Mighty men in makeup

HAILAND's top volley-ball team, Northern Lampang, has lodged an official protest about dis-crimination because its all-transvestite players are consistently overlooked by the national selectors. The team of 12, all men who have undergone plastic surgery, grown breasts and wear heavy make-up during matches, won the national championship last week. At the national trials they were jeered by other players and none was selected.

Boxing

The Dulwich-born, American managed Henry Akinwande has the biggest fight of his career today. He faces the American Jeremy Williams at Indio, California, for the WBO heavyweight title vacated by Riddick Bowe. Victory would make him the third Briton, after Lennox Lewis and Frank Bruno (both WBC) and Herbie Hide (WBO) to win a modern version of the world heavyweight title.

Swimming

Scott Volkers, the Australian coach Scott Volkers, who gave world champion Samantha Riley a banned painkiller, yesterday saw his 12-month ban reduced to seven months. The ruling by the Swiss-based international Court of Arbitration for Sport frees him to coach at next month's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Chesa

Anatoly Karpov drew with black yesterday to keep his three-point lead in the Fide world championship at Elista, work than points in a transfer, writes Leonard Barden. In game 12 of the 20-game, §1.1m match he fought off a strong attack and reached a favour-able endgame, but his 22-year-old American challengar Gata Kamsky then played well to secure a draw after 54 moves and six hours' play. Karpov, leading 7%-4%, needs only three points from the final eight games. Game 13 starts today.

Becker had just started a first-set tie-break against Neville Godwin, a 21-year-old South African qualifier, when the wrist crumbled, with the initial diagnosis suggesting a chipped or broken bone.

"He hit a pretty hard second serve. I was trying to hit a forehand and I hit it too late. My wrist gave way and I heard something pop." said Becker. He immediately called for the trainer Doug Spreen, who strapped the wrist, but after a couple of practice serves the German snew his Wimbledon was over:

"This tournament, is the, highlight of my season and I of seeds, having lost seven. had as good a chance to win it The biggest loss was Monica this year than for a long Seles, the No.2 seed, on time," added Becker. This Wednesday but the situation was certainly true, so many seeds having fallen, particu-larly on his side of the draw. On the opening Monday Andre Agassi (No. 3), Michael Chang (No. 6) and Jim Courier (No. 8) were all packing their bags, and the carnage continued unabated.

At the last count only seven remain of the original 16 -Anstria's Thomas Muster, ranked second but seeded seventh, having pulled out before the tournament began. He could well be regretting

Dat decision now. Pete Sampras, the reigning been a good champion and No. 1 seed, will disappearances.

nis player." Becker had never previ-onaly had a serious injury to his right shoulder, elbow or wrist. "Tm a bit nervous about it," he said before leav-Steffi Graf last July. Yet she was not as appealingly bouncy: the wind was cool and blustery. The half-hour ing for X-rays. What had been Becker's stoppage for rain fortunately extended her time-out for

treatment on her wrist which, side of the draw is now wide open. He had been seeded to she says, is not seriops. meet Agassi in the semi-final. Once the American had goue, his next likely opponent in fhe last four was Katelnikov, The Spaniard now has two days before her next singles; she became the first competitor to enter the fourth round but he was promptly dis-

patched by Henman. Becker was laughing — until yesterday. The top seed in the bottom half is now Ferrairs, seeded 11th.

The women have not been immune from the uprooting all-Spanish final, Sanch is nothing like as desperate as with the men.

Yesterday Holland's Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, seeded semi-final. 11th, lost to Belgium's Sabine Appelmans, but it was only a smallish tremor on the quaking scale. The American television

company NBC will be hoping above hope that the men's curse does not extend to Sampras, who plays Slova-kia's Karol Kucera today, I had too many close calls but then Stell came back and played some unbelievable assuming that yesterday's miserable weather goes away. lines. I must play my best, It. probably will. It has that's all I can promise myself been a good week for if I make it again."

since she so enchanted the tramline drive from the Japa stadium in losing the final to nese at 4-3.

She made a point of saying how honoured she was to be back at Wimbledon "where the people always root for me". Possibly being booed by the discerning Paris crowd this month still rankles

A matriarch in the making Sanchez Vicario has a wise selfish bead on her shoulder: and she possibly has to. She was losing in the quarters to the Slovakian Karina Habauin beating by 6-4, 6-1 Naoko Sawamatsu, a neatly prodova and began messing grammed but not dangerous Japanese who squeaked in a about, playing for time to re-

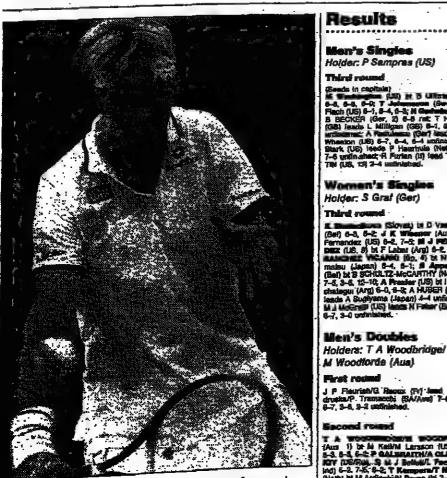
demurely ladylike manner with every stroke she played. With Monica Seles, seeded to meet Sanchez Vicarlo in the semi-finals, out of the way, there remains a chance of an carlo's compatriot and no-love-lost rival Conchita Martiner, the 1994 champion, is scheduled to meet Graf in her

Yesterday Sanchez Vicario was given no more than a useful work-out. But she said she was in better spirits and form than at this stage last year. "But I played great tennis in that final. If I get there again I hope for better luck. Last year



Third round

It was not a vintage perfor- | Sanchez ... wise and selfish



Dutch despair . . . Brenda Schultz-McCarthy loses out



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Rule is bent for German call-ups

Martin Thorpe

on a puzzling about-face by Uefa

URO 96 was thrown into conflusion yes-terday when Uefa granted Germany permission to bring

in two extra players for tomorrow's final.

The Germans. hit by injury and suspension, argued that they had only 11 players available for the Wembley showpiece and Uefa agreed to the replacements under article 29 regarding "force ma-jeure". The favourites to be called up are the strikers Rudi Völler and Karl-Heinz Riedle.

It was unclear whether their opponents, the Czech Republic, backed the decision. The chairman of the Czech FA Frantisek Chva-lovsky said that they did "in lovsky said that they did "In the spirit of fair play of Euro 96". But fair play was cited in defence of the opposing argu-ment by Jaro Vacek, the exec-utive head of the Czech dele-gation. "We are not happy with this decision," he said last nicht "All teams have to last night. "All teams have to nominate their players be-forehand and it is only fair play to start with those play-

ers in the tournament. Berti Vogts may have been as surprised as anyone by the two new arrivals will take the decision. "There is nothing in the rules," the German coach had said earlier in the day, ready had outfield shirts place in the 100 metres by the decision. "There is nothing in

player to be brought in from Germany at this stage." In fact, two of the players cited as injury doubts for the final. Ziege and Kuntz, had as-serted at the same press con-ference that they would be fit for the final.

The Czechs were also allowed to bring in two play-ers but declined the opportunity despite doubts over Berger and the goalkeeper Kouba. However, Uefa's deci-sion is bound to anger those other teams who have uncom-plainingly fielded weakened teams because of injuries and

suspensions. The Uela statement said that Germany's missing or doubtful list comprised Koh-ler, Basler and Bobic, with long-term injuries; Klinsmann, who missed the England game with a torn calf. Bode, who pulled a muscle yesterday, Helmer, Freund,

Zlege and Kuntz. Uefa, in explaining its deci-sion, also cited the fact that Reuter and Möller were suspended for the final. But this should not have been allowed to enter the equation. Had these two been available, Ger-many arguably would not need replacements, which leaved the socu leaves Uefa open to the accu-sation that it is in effect allowing Germany to replace

two banned players. Uefa made the concession on the understanding that the

d shorts) starts well but is overhauled by Bruny Surin (116) and Donovan Bailey (white shorts) PHOTOGRAPH: GRAY MORTMORE Christie third as D-day looms

CANADIAN PAIR SOUND WARNING TO UNDECIDED OLYMPIC CHAMPION

Duncan Nackay in Paris

INFORD CHRISTIE, Christie will announce his still keeping every-one in the dark about intentions in London on Monday, the deadline for Olympic competitors' names to be submitted. So three days before

Bailey here last night. Surin won in 10.03sec with Bailey in sport, Christie comes away from this grand prix meeting knowing that he has a lot of knowing that he has a lot of work to do between now and - assuming that he Atlanta still wishes to end his

cant progress since being world this year, in what could

brought into focus when championships, where her impress the selectors today in Tonya Buford-Bailey beat the world record was lowered to the Bupa games at Gateshead.

youngster from Trinidad who | ford-Bailey has made signifi- | 47.70 again the fastest in the knocked out in the semi-finals in Barcelona four years ago, when Gunnell claimed gold. An injured Gunnell was ab-

earlier this year expressed scorn at Christie's chances. The size of the task facing Sally Gunnell as she aims to retain her Olympic 400 metres hurdles title was also

sent from the 1995 world

next month's Olympic final.

turn out to be a preview of Athletes from the fringe of Britain's Olympic team will have their last opportunity to

had said earlier in the day, ready had outfield shirts place in the 100 metres by the we finally discover the con-"that would give us hope that made for their two reserve fast-finishing Canadians clusion to the longest-running the authorities would allow a goalkeepers. Kahn and Reck.

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The 86-year-old his own counsel as he coiled into his blocks last night and souinted into the bright Paris evening sun. Sandwiched be tween the world record

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Olympic title.

holder Leroy Burrell and the world champion Bailey, he got away to one of his best starts of the season but was unable to respond in the second half of the race.

Surin, the world silver med-allist, moved into a higher gear and drew away but Christie could take console-tion from beating both Burstrength. The 25-year-old Bu- | in the US trials, to triumph in rell and Ato Boldon, the

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world champion Kim Batten to the line in 53.54, the world's fastest time this year. Next Wednesday Gunnell will be able to measure the progress she has made since returning from injury when she faces both Americans in Lausanne. She will need to

improve by at least a second to challenge them. Batten was leading coming into the final hurdle but had no answer to the world silver medallist's remarkable

The triple-jump world 52.61 by Batten, with Buford-Bailey 0.01sec behind champion and world record "She's a great competitor." holder Jonathan Edwards Buford-Bailey said of Gun-nell, "but I'm not going to bow down to her. In 1995 I ran

proved his filmess when he eapt 17.82m in Helsinki earlier this week but the javelin faster than her world record. thrower Steve Backley still In 1996 I feel I'm going to be has work to do. the Olympic champion.

The European champion, In the men's race the Atwho remains confident but lanta based world champion has not thrown this summer Derrick Adkins won a drabecause of an Achilles tendon matic run-in with Samuel Maoperation. must throw over 80 tete of Zambia and Bryan Bronson, who had beaten him metres to book his passage to Atlanta and squeeze out Colin Mackenzie.

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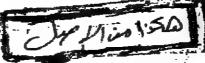
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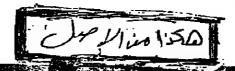
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Labour's mystery Mister Justice

QC Assured guests at Society of Labour Lawyers function that "you can be sure Lord Irvine will be the next Lord Chancellor," the Labour leader's wife was accused of "doing a Hillary Clinton".

Cherle Booth

Her comments were no more than a statement of fact, universally acknowledged at Westminster and the Bar, subject only to the will of the voters. Alexander Andrew

Mackay Irvine — "Derry" to friends — has been shadow Lord Chancellor for the last four years. That is significant. It should remind doubters that Irvine was not appointed to that post simply because Tony Blair was one of the two pupils in chambers he took on in 1976, the other being the future Mrs Blair.

"Cupid QC." he may have been, the phrase Irvine used at the Blairs' wedding. But the pupil-master had been made Lord Irvine of Lairg in 1987 at Neil Kinnock's instiga tion and shadow Lord Chancellor by his old friend, John

MICHAEL WHITE and CLARE DYER track the career of Lord Irvine, Tony Blair's guru, who advised on the Scottish referendum and is likely to be the next Lord Chancellor



widely seen as a serious warning shot across the bows of judicial activists, a clear and surprising political signal. It does not bode well for an easing of the tense relationship between judges and executive if Labour wins power. Robert Stevens, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, and author of The Independence Of The Judiciary. sees Irvine as an enigmatic and fascinating mix of Old and New Labour. His attitude to the judges harks back to traditional Labour fears that a Conservative judiciary would sabotage Labour's leg-islative programme through court rulings. This Old Labour distrust of the judges — unsurprising in a Labour barrister who practised employment law in the 1970s — was at the root of the left's long opposition to a bill of rights or incorporation of the European Convention of Human Rights into do-mestic law, But in New Labour mode, Irvine has be come a keen supporter of incorporation of the European Convention, now a key plank



of Labour's legislativ

Derry Irvine . . . could he end up a legal conservative?

Smith, in 1992. "As someone who made a speech at Tony Blair's wedding and John Smith's funeral, Derry Irvine must be a prefty important man in the Labour Party," a mutuel feiland told Blair's hi mutual friend told Blair's biographer, John Rentoul, who reports that the two men still speak most days, usually very early. Irvine gets to the office by 6.30am. They also accialise and share holidays. The emo-tional bond is shong. If Blair has a penchant for gura figures - Australian vicars, spin-doctors or eminent QCs - here is one of them.

"Derry is a close political advisor and sounding-board to Tony because he has the weight, the mind and the per sonality which impress them-selves on the rest of us," says oneBlair intimate. "He listens to an argument and then points to this illogicality, that incénsistency. He asks questions, you answer and he says that won't wash. When Derry speaks, people listen."

A rare pointer to Irvine's discreet power came this week when it emerged that he was one of the inner group which Blair created to sort outLabour's devolution prob-lens, along with Gordon Brwn, Donald Dewar, Jack Straw and George Robertson - he group that caused this ek's referendum rumpus. Nore than that, he actually thingly one-sided portrait on wek's referendum rumpus.

both put in train by the pres-

ent Lord Chancellor, his fellow Scots meritocrat, Lord Mackay of Clashfern Lord Irvine will also play a key role in two hugely chal-lenging tasks, Scottish devo-lution and reform of the House of Lords, where some of the whisperers against him say he has been insufficiently active until recently - a

charge he hotly denies. At the Commons end, some Labour MPs murmur that he is "cocky", or "not very radi-cal" and "too much a smooth

Radio 4's World This Weekmost shadowy of shadow minend recently, the veteran left-wing QC. John Platts-Mills sters remains virtually unknown. Irvine has not sought (briefly a Labour MP 50 years publicity, some friends even insisting he is rather shy. ago), was asked about his reputation as a politician. "Tm not sure that he's got a That might account for the sometimes brusque manner. reputation as that," he Blair himself recalls being replied. "He's got a reputa-tion only as a lawyer, and so asked at one of their first meetings: "So your parents far he hasn't shown very

were rich enough to send you to public school, then?" much indication of what he'll do as Lord Chancellor. He's Who is Derry Irvine? Born into a working-class family in Argylishire in 1940, Irvine devoted his time almost exclu sively to making money at the Bar." Clever, successful, rich: they are familiar charges. Yet to the wider public this

the former leader's death. Like John he's a wonderful drinker, and it doesn't seem to affect him," says an admir-ing MP. "John Smith loved him, he told me he was one of his very, very close friends, recalls the radical QC. Helena Kennedy, who describes Irvine as "incredibly clever and enormously astute

politically". His background is similar to the present Lord Chancel-lor's. Both come from humble Scottish origins. Both did brilliantly at Scottish universities and at Cambridge, and

surprisingly on Lord Mackay, a Scottish judge with no polit-ical background and no had brief careers as academics before opting for the Bar, where both had high-flying known political views. careers. Neither was a politician.

But, unlike the apolitical

Only in the last few months has Irvine given much hint of what his own agenda might Mackay, Irvine has been a committed Labour supporter be as Lord Chancellor. He grabbed headlines with his warnings to the judges in since his teens. He unsuccess-fully contested Hendon in the recent speeches not to get too uppity and try to usurp Par-1970 election, later wooing and winning Alison McNair, to whom he has been married ament's role. He denies it was a warning for 22 years — a close and suc-cessful marriage. But there is a poignant element: Lady Ir-- just a plea for "self-restraint" by both judges and ministers - and complains vine was previously married to another Smith chum, that his position has been misrepresented. But it was

platform, despite the un-doubted fact that it will give the judges more power. He has also insisted that Labour will uphold both judicial review and judges' independence, and not make "common cause with the cacophony of Conservative caterwauling at the courts for striking down so many unlaw ful ministerial decisions". Stevens thinks Irvine is "politically less interesting than Mackay, who is royally hated by everyone but is a wonderfully creative man who has asked all the right questions over the years". Irvine. Stevens believes, will end up much more conservative on the profession than his Conservative counterpart. Yet Labour has radical

plans — to reform the House of Lords, incorporate the human rights convention, set up a judicial appointments commission and a community legal service. In all these, Irvine will play a key role. Labour is a romantic, even nostalgic party and inevitably Irvine-in-waiting faces unfair comparison with previous radical incumbents. Yet Helena Kennedy is cautiously op-timistic. 'I do think he is committed to constitutional change and will play an important part in how Labour decides to do it."



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Nuclear test of time

THE QUEST for a complete ban on nuclear testing has reached its most critical moment in more than four decades since it was first proposed by Prime Minister Nehru of India. Three times since then, progress towards a comprehensive test ban treaty (CTBT) has been thwarted by the nuclear powers. Now, at last, a mixture of strategic calculation and public pressure has brought them round, only to face another block. Yesterday's deadline at Geneva has been postponed to allow a month for delicate diplomacy to bridge the gap with the treaty's strongest opponent, which just happens to be ... India. The irony is almost too obvious - particularly to those who are hostile to the anti-nuclear cause anyway and will seize this chance to reiterate the old adage that "we cannot disinvent the bomb." Yet Delhi's argument should not be summarily dismissed even though the motives of the threshold nuclear power making it are suspect. There is a real dilemma to be resolved here in the nuclear weapons power structure.

India has argued that it is illegitimate for "some countries to rely on nu-

clear weapons for their security while denying this right to others." The govern-ments of the nuclear five - though not now believe they can maintain, perhaps improve, their arsenals through com-puter and other techniques without the need for testing. That is why they accept a treaty which may reduce the opportunity for "horizontal proliferation" by other powers. The US, further ahead in the new technology (on which its Western allies must also rely), is the most relaxed about a total non-testing commitment.

Yet the nuclear five have shown no signs of taking seriously the commit-ment, made in last year's Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), to pursue with determination the ultimate goal of abolishing all nuclear weapons. Indeed, it is doubtful if any of them seriously believes in the goal for which they signed up. India says this is cynical and wrong. The CTBT was to be a stepping stone to disarmament, not a device for freezing inequality. That is why Delhi will only sign if the treaty sets a date for total abolition. It also objects to a clause requiring India to ratify the treaty for it to take effect: other international treaties merely provide that a minimum number of countries should sign first. This clause has been pushed with special vigour by Britain, and the suspicion lurks that it may be partly a means of postponing a deal to which we agreed late and with reluctance.

The Indian case has met with an instructively mixed reaction from scholars and non-government organisations in this field. There is sympathy among Western researchers for the Indian argument the London-based British American Security Information Council says that the nuclear-weapons states should commit themselves now to begin talks on eliminating their arsenals, and should publicly announce that in the meantime they will forego the development of any new nuclear weapons.

But critical scholars from India regard Delhi's case as specious. In a comprehensive survey just published by the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation, Praful Bidwai and Achin Vanaik accuse India of having abandoned the high moral ground as soon as a CTBT was no longer a distant prospect. India's real motive, they say, is to avoid signing away its capacity to build a credible deterrent to Beijing even though it has "lived with the Chi-nese bomb" for 30 years. Pakistan's nuclear potential, though more rudimentary than India's, is also an obvious factor.

Where does this leave the CTBT? There is a deal to be struck in which India accepts something short of a timetabled commitment to disarmament while Britain and others drop their insistence on Indian ratification. To miss the deadline set by last year's NPT would be to forfeit a historical moment which may not re-occur for many years. India's critics are right for all its defects, the CTBT is an important step towards delegitimising nuclear weapons, and failure to achieve it would have the reverse effect. It makes proliferation more difficult for everyone - including Pakistan. But the nuclear five cannot go on claiming that they are a special case; confidence in multilateral disarmament will only be sustained if abolition begins to be seen, however far-off, on the horizon.

City of dreams

OMETH the hour, cometh the man. What could be more appropriate than that the world's first industrial town should become Britain's best planned post industrial city? And who better to help chart the route than a man who has spent more time thinking about city regeneration than any other minister in the last 17 years?

Two weeks on from the IRA bomb, no one can yet calculate the full cost of the damage wreaked on Manchester. Current estimates put the bill at £200 million, with 350 shops and businesses affected. Yet, as our architectural correspondent set out on Wednesday, the devastation has also created the best opportunity since the second world war to recreate a city fit for the 21st century. What is needed is imagination - imagination which was all too sadly missing after the second world war in Manchester as elsewhere.

Right on cue, Michael Heseltine picked up this theme this week on his first tour of the wrecked city centre. He promised to return next week but has already agreed to hold an international ar-chitectural competition to collect the best redevelopment ideas.

It is not just city leaders and architects who will have to "think big" but Mr Heseltine too. He has promised "substantial" government aid but still not said how much. Here is an opportunity for the Deputy Prime Minister to complete the circle he began in Merseyside. Undoubtedly his finest administrative hour was as unofficial "Minister for Merseyside" after the 1981 Toxteth riots, when he single-handedly forced big business and the City to recognise their wider responsibilities to the community. There was such a loss of confidence in Merseyside that Mr Heseltine was forced to knock heads together and take bankers and building society chiefs on personally conducted tours of Liverpool. Manchester will be much easier in this respect. Long before Labour became New Labour, Manchester's council leaders were pioneering new forms of public-private partnerships and cooperating with Conservative min-isters to ensure the city prospered.

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Manchester has prospered. Where once cotton was king, the city has become the UK's second largest banking centre. The chimneys which dominated the skyline when Friedrich Engels worked in his father's cotton mill have gone, but not the entrepreneurial spirit. Venture capitalists have been at the forefront of the revival. Few cities have been more robust in financing the arts: the city's £42 million new concert hall, opening in September, will be the first to be run without public subsidy.

But regeneration, as Michael Heseltine knows, is different. Infrastructure requires public investment — and the more attractive the infrastructure, the bigger the private investment. The Government's regeneration agency cannot be expected to meet such costs - there would be nothing left for anyone else. The minister should join forces with the Millenium Fund to make the Manchester prototype the most talked about post industrial city.

Corruption in the US has gone far beyond the stage of the kickback. But, says MARTIN WOOLLACOTT, it is still possible for it to co-exist with a genuine desire to do good. Illustration: PETER TILL

The deal with the devil we know



Here is the connection between corruption in the fund-ing of campaigns and degener-ation in their conduct.

These newly prominent pro-fessionals become a constituency for bad practice. Trollope ency for bad practice. Trollope spotted them a century and a half ago. In a wonderful ac-count of electioneering in his novel, Ralph The Heir, he recounts the thoughts of the election agent on being told by his candidate that he wants a clean fight. "The idea of purity of election at Devrement did in of election at Percycross did in truth make him feel very sick. It was an idea which he hated with his whole heart. There was to him something abso-lutely mean and ignoble in the idea of man coming forward to represent a borough in Parlia-ment without paying the regu-lar fees... It might be all very well in Manchester and such like disagreeable places. But that candidates should come down to Percycross and talk about purity there, that was a thing abominable to him." Then, though, it was a matter of what Trollope called "beer and half crowns". Now, in America, the figures are in

the millions, and they are spent not on beer for the voters speni not on beer for the voora but on vilifying opponents. The system of limits on politi-cal spending that were put in place after Watergate, are "fail-

Power to the panjandrums

Rattling the bars



 \subset A HIGH court judge was recently asked why his fellow OT for the first time. judges hated their boss. Lord Michael Heseltine is showing that he has tensely. Simple, said M'lud The reason was that MacKay a more acute eye for a political opening than the edihad messed about with their tors of most Tory newspapers. retirement prospects by mak-Following Tony Blair's announcement that he plans : referendum before he attempts to establish a Scottish parliament, the headlinewriters have been straining t present the resignation of a couple of relatively minor Labour figures as some kind of political earthquake. It isn't But Hezza immediately spotted that the real source of trouble on the Labour benches wasn't what was announced but how it was announced. A fair proportion of Labour MPs probably endorse the idea of a referendum; what they don't like is a perceived lack of consultation. Indeed, the referendum surprise was only the latest in a string of unilateral changes in what most people thought were agreed policy decisions. The most startling occurred just a few days before the referendum bombshell, when carefully drafted proposals on workers' benefits and rights were altered on the hoof. To be fair to Blair, this process goes back at least to Neil Kinnock, who downgraded the party's annual conference in favour of the so-called Policy Forum. Power has been draining out of traditional party institutions, like the sub-committees of the elected National Executive, much as water can be drained out of a bath by yanking out the plug. But now the members of the unelected quangos which have taken over policy-making find they are getting the same treatment. They de-liver their proposals to the leader's office, and go home glowing with self-congratula-tion, only to hear Chris Smith or Jack Straw saying some-thing quite different on the Today programme a few weeks later. They don't like it. The result is that the pre-

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ORRUPTION LS a shadowy but constant presence in American politics Aiways there are allegations, always there are investigations, only rarely are there any formal conclusions. legal punishments, or effective reforms. Yet the never-ending drama can also deliver victory to those who claim to be the scourges of corruption, or who successfully paint their opponents in those dark colours.

The paradoxical result is that corruption is a vote-winner in the United States in two quite different ways. Corruption, and practices approach ing corruption, rake in the money without which campargning would be impossible while the promise to end corruption or the successful pinning of corruption allegations on an opponent can swing a political contest. Politicians shimmy along a tightrope, pre cariously balanced between the enticing possibility of exposing the irregularities of their opponents or of having their own sins revealed.

The consciousness that poli ticians who are themselves more or less corrupt are the same men and women who are promising an end to corruption, accounts for much of the loss of confidence that Americans show in their political system. The periodically renewed belief that some individual, group, or third party represents genuinely new and honest forces accounts for the surges of hope that also charac terise that political scene. The troubles of President

Clinton and his wife are part of this pattern. To prove that the Bob Dole. presidential couple have been

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or are corrupt is regarded by some Republicans as the key to the election. Even if absolute proof is not forthcoming, just keeping the thing going is seen as an asset. The Clintons are accused of using office, back in Arkansas days, for personal enrichment, of doing business friends favours in return for campaign funding, and, most recently, in the case of the FBI files, of seeking out damaging information on political opponents,

There are casualties, as the Clintons are turned over in this way. Former associates end up in court and in prison aides resign, Hillary's reputa tion suffers. But the polls show that the public is unimpressed The reasons, it can be argued, are that it likes Clinton, and believes, rightly or wrongly, that whatever crimes there may have been were of a relatively minor order. Equally important, it doubts the credentials of the accusers.

The Republican politicians, whose anti-corruption rhetoric helped toward a victory in the House and Senate election has become clearer that Ging-rich and his allies in the Chris that reversed the balance of power in the legislature 18 tian Coalition, so free with months ago, have not kept their promises. Some mode reforms were set in train. But neither man has kept the pledge that Newt Gingrich, the leader of that Republican revolution, made with President among others, and evaded Clinton last June, to set up a bipartisan reform commis sion. He, personally, is now be fore the House ethics commit-Corruption in the United States has gone beyond the tee on charges of overstepping funding limits, His unpopular ity is such that Democratic stage of the bribe and the kickstrategists regard him as an asset in the campaign against back. It co-exists, at least sometimes, with genuine dedica-tion and the desire to do good.

To most politicians, it appears One of the reasons is that it to be, in some degree, unavoid able. It is largely a matter of the day-to-day trading of politifunding allegations against Democrats, themselves built a cal influence for business and special interest money; this highly effective cash machine noney being, in the main, which scooped in money from the tobbaco and gun lobbles. used for political and party advantage rather than personal enrichment. That advantage is increasingly pursued through a battery of new techniques, funding limits by various sub-terfuges, such as claiming that spending was for state rather some fair, some dubious, and than federal political purpose some plainly in the dirty tricks categ ategory. An industry, drawing its

personnel from public rela-tions, advertising, private investigation, and computing, has sprung up both to generat

and to spend these new bushels of campaign mone The staffs of politicians, both those attached to their office and those maintained privately, have vastly increase by a factor of five, for instance in Congress. The specialists, consultants, and firms they hire for particular campaigns are proliferating. What this means is that the cost of campaigning constantly increa the pressure to raise funds from business and interest groups constantly grows, and the money tends, as the the money tends, as the amount available expands, to be spent on more and more lubious techniques

ing apart", a report in the New

York Times said this week. Dirty Little Secrets, a new book by Larry J Sabato, a political scientist, and Glenn R Simpson, a political reporter, now with the Wall Street Journal, says there are "so many ways to arrange hidden expenditures and off-thebooks electoral activities that the true total of money raised and spent for the 1966 presi-dential campaigns will almost certainly be double or even several times the officially reported totals."

From the lowest to the highest levels, you need more and more money to practice poli-tics in the United States, and the only way to get it is by breaking or bending the rules on funding. Then you use it to accuse your oppopents of doing the same thing.

American legalism is very much part of this problem. It was the Supreme Court which emasculated the funding limits regulations created after Watergate. Political advertising of the worst kind is interpreted as free speech. The idea that business has an unalloyed right to influence legislators and the executive has legal support.

The courts permit practices which are no different in spirit from practices that are properly deemed corrupt and thus help create the miasma in which right and wrong are hrouded. Thus it is that great scan-

dals like Teapot Dome or Watergate may, every half century or so, bring down the mighty, but the year-in and year-out flouting of democratic principles by politi-cians and lobbyists flows on like the Mississippi.

Hall a few days ago, where he received a deputy-to-dep-uty get-well message from Michael Heseltine. One of those heartening happen-ings that prove politicans are nice nacule and lock lock

ing them quit at 70 while still insisting on a 20-year qualification for the full pension. Not many people got to be judges before they were 50, he pointed out grinily. I bet you thought they hated Machay because of this government's threat to the ancient liberties of England, didn't you? Silly you.

vailing sound on the Labour benches these days is the muffled grinding of teeth. No

one says anything for fear of being accused of capsizing the ship just before it reaches the promised land. So they mutter

Expect, therefore, a sharp

increase in the number of New

Labour panjandrums uttering

variations on the theme that the election isn't in the bag yet, by any means. They know it's essential to keep the anxi-

ety level high, lest all that

Chancellor Mackay, so in-

resentment bursts out before.

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D BUT this is 1996, and the world is topsy-turvy. During the third day of the second test, the benches outside the Lord's pavillon were almost deserted. Resplendent in their red and yellow ties, most MCC members were watching the England v Holland footer match on a television set installed in the Long Room.

Enter EW Swanton, once the Daily Telegraph's frightfully grand cricket correspondent, who registered instant outrage at this desecration of holy ground. "I say, you chaps," he

boomed, "we're here to watch the cricket." A nameless member

replied: "Yes, Swanton - t's going on out there. Can't you

TORY spin doctors seen to have missed a trick over Margaret Hodge's attempt; to pillory Education Secretary Gillian Shephard for her volte fore over selective grammar schools. Few on the New Labour benches -- with the possible exception of Denns Skinner — would stand up well to an accusation of ide-logical inconsistency. But the record of Mrs Shephard as a councillor would compare favourably with that of La Hodge, who was leader of Islington Council in its loom est years. Perhaps Mrs She phard, a decent soul, is just too kind to mention it.

ing him for his beef-war Black Spot.

The Goalie's Anxiety at the Penalty Kick, Peter Handke's (OK, he's Ausof a former 'keeper on the run from police (Eyre Mestarted his run. The goal-Ab. yes he did, didn't he?

N tribute to Wednesday's winning team. we turn to trian, not German) 1972 tale thuen). The final paragraph reads: "The kicker suddenly keeper . . . stood absolutely still, and the penalty kicker shot the ball into his hands."

the Euro. OK? Now, aside from the fact that no cat-stroking Bond villain could bave concocted a surer reci-pe for total chaos, we must pe for total chaos, we must consider the intriguing pos-sibility that the Euro will exist for only the briefest period of time before being consigned to an electronic limbo, after which we can return, EMU accomplished, to our pounds, francs and marks

A sir Gareth Southgate didn't have enough to worry about after That Shot, he has been con-soled by John Major. Even without the (hotly-denied) Chelsea Jinx story (in which it was suggested J M had been asked to stay away from the Bridge because of from the Bridge because of the bad luck he brought his own side) support from the Prime Minister is a mixed blessing. John Major "stood by" David Mellor. Tim Yeo.

Jonathan Aitken and other ministerial fallen; he seems an exact negative image of the good man to have with you in the trenches. Embattled MAFF supremo Dougla: Hogg felt the chilly grip of Mr Major's "support" this week with that letter thankefforts. When Hogg opened the envelope, he must have felt he had been handed the

istrates more representa-tive of the community (no. please!) to the communique clock was small, although John D Rockefeller and Benito Mussolini were deof the G7 ("a strongly-worded declaration against international terrorism", cent enough to book out (involuntarily, in the Duce's case) in conformity with its press time. But the headaccording to the Press Association). lines made up for the gen-Smallweed fled to one of eral paucity of real events: New York Sex Laws Fail To Protect Men, screamed one Cierkenwell's doziest pubs armed with a copy of The Plonest Rainmaker, A J Lie-bling's hilarious account of story, with the sub-headline Unsuspecting Males Wide the life and times of New York racing tipster Colonel John Stingo (Fourth Estate; Open To Attack. The Colone himself used his column to plug John Begg whisky; this pluggery "was not uncon-nected" with a regular ad-1991). Here are relived the great mid-century days of the New York Enquirer, a vert on the sports page for that brand. The Colonel took paper whose grasp of ethics may be judged from the fact that, although it published on a Sunday afternoon, it commission on the ad. Someone ought to refer the Enquirer to the Press Comcarried a Monday dateline plaints Commission; should "so that it may carry legal the media watchdogs surnotices, a class of busines vive the experience, they'll New York State law denies emerge with a rather more to Sunday papers that are dated Sunday". The appreciative attitude to our

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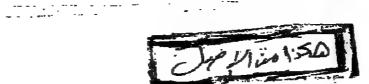
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COTTISH home rule is S a perfectly straight-forward concept and Labour's policy is as clear as Edinburgh crystal. George Robertson, opposition spokes entity on Scottish af-fairs, laid the thing out on Thursday's Newanight. Harassed over the West Lothian question, he cited, inter alla, Northern Ireland the Poll Tax, the House of Lords and the fact that the British constitution is not "neat and tidy" (er, but isn" Labour supposed to be tidy-ing it up?). As for taxes being higher in Free Caledonia. that suggestion is "not right not accurate, not fair, not onable". Did you get that? Can we talk about something else now?

A T least the President of the Campaign for the Abolition of Sport stayed aloof from England Germany footie mania.

other words, he saw the match. This surrender to the forces of Euro 96 is espi-cially disappointing given that multi-talented Devereaux took time off touring une label, and funds are sought to bring The Alch mist to the West End. You can't keep good Krap down, it seems, not with the fire in him now. OHN Prescott's dam

aged foot (he tripped, boarding an aeroplane) landed him in hospital in



are nice people really? Not exactly: the vice-premier's missive noted that the TLC lavished on Mr Prescott's oot proved the NHS was safe in Tory hands. As the Economist once had it, Shameless Old Hezza ET's take this from the top. On December 31 1999, all the computer in the world are going to

have a nervous breakdown and fail to recognise the year 2000. Every system everywhere is going to crash. Fine. Meanwhile, at some point in the very same year.

all computers everywhere are going to have to be repro grammed to recognise a new currency with a new name and a new exchange-rate,

with an updated version of The Alchemist in order to ignore the feast of sport. Never mind — Krap's first tape (all right, it's a record actually) looms on the Vol-

Didn't be? "Er, I found my-

pain't net: Kr, 1 touna my-self in this pub," was the confession of Matt Dever-eaux, alias the personality-disordered cabaret per-former Bob van Krap ("You

know -- it's Krap!"). In



Neve Shalom is an oasis of peace --- the only village in Israel where Arabs and Jews live together in harmony. But can it survive, asks MICHAEL FREEDLAND

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HEY call it the Oasis of Peace, but that doesn't mean people living in this village have to be

nice to each other. In fact, today, they aren't being nice at all. They are shouting — so loudly, you can hear the voices achoing through the mountains nearby. "It's the normal way people have of resolving their differences," a villager exfore he died in February, this year; he was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts. Effort is the right word.

Here are 160 people living as neighbours simply because very much." they want to be part of this oasis, yet every time something goes wrong, the shout-ing begins. "When minocent Jews were murdered by ways of talking about it." bombs in Jerusalem, we all went down to the main road

ties," says Abdessalam Naj jar, Abde for short, a Moslem We are able to tell them, while they are still very young, to who is in charge of the vilknow and respect each other." That's precisely what Neve Shalom would like to see as its lage's development, "and one of the realities is that some-times we don't like each other true success story. "We don't try to get them to forget their differences at the school for This seems a startling, almost shocking, statement in a peaceful place like this Then he adds: "The other realpeace," says Micha Zak. "We play games, we have discus-sions - should we, for ity is that we do have to find instance, change the Jewish nature of the flag? To our sur-

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FEATURES 15 Extraordinary ordinary lives



Martin Kettle --------

OHN Major is not the first prime minister, and not even the first Conservative prime minister, to come from what is described as an "ordinary" background. The Conservative Party has not had a public-school educated leader for more than 30 years, which is rather more than Labour can

But Major is the first to have turned ordinariness - plain tastes, hard work, conventional decency — into a Con-servative virtue or even, his sister Pat suggested this week, into a form of self-protection against the snobbery which he encountered first in banking, and then in politics.

Major's ordinariness is part nature and part act. It now makes him unpopular. But it has succeeded for him with the voters in the past. That fact helps to drive his incredible self-belief, even in the unremittingly unrewarding circum-stances of 1996. Like Harold Wilson, a prime minister whom he resembles in other ways, Major likes to appear ordinary, even if he isn't really. In a class-ridden society such as ours, ordinariness is easier to play on the hustings than in office. Yet for Major, ordinariness is both a virtue and a way of life. Reading his sister's interviews and his brother's book, it is hard not to see an essentially Pooterish quality to him; but Major is not a figure to be mocked too mindlessly. Major is like one of fhose semi-detached houses that you pass on the A3 as you drive into London from the south-west, opined Paddy Ash-down this week. But there are an awful lot of those houses around, not just in suburban

London. Ordinariness, like Major and suburbs, is unfashionable In Major's south London youth of the 1950s, it was looked down on by the Old Snobbery that

institutions then, Ordinari-

of clerks. It was non-U. It

ness was common, the culture

acked inherited wealth, breed-

ing and taste. Ordinary people,

a former Tory chief whip once said, buy their own furniture. That attitude is not dead today,

but it is a snobbery inherited from pre-war England. Today there is another form

towards ordinariness. New Snobbery is the presiding cul-

ture of the metropolitan indus

tries of fame worship which are embodied in the media,

of more modern snobbery

dinary people never went away. What changed was that a pretence grew up that ordi-nary life does not exist or mater any more.

It depends on what you mean by ordinary. Ordinary is not the same as working-class, though a job is probably the most important precondition for being ordinary. for being ordinary. Ordinary covers urban and rural, poor and middling. But the really striking feature about this scring reature about this country's ordinary people and their ways of life is not that they have changed as dramati-cally as it is now fashionable to claim, but rather that they have not. The convenient myth of the moment - convenient especially for those who buy for least and sell for most -- is that our society is in a rapid and uncontrollable shift from absolute old security to absolute new insecurity. But this is in large measure a falsehood, concealing both the vast insecurities of the past and the con-siderable shared stabilities of the present. Ordinariness, though, has

no role in the theories of our time. Too many political think-ers, economists and, in particular, futurologists are beguiled by the transformative myths peddled by American technoculture. They pretend that we are undergoing an all-encom-passing transformation in our lives, in which everything from the newspaper to history itself is now dead. They tell us that our country is in the throes of becoming indistinuishable from every other (ie America), that our increasngly individualised lives are going to be liberated by new technology, and by infinite, value free choices about relationships, religion, leisure and work. It just isn't true. Most people may not live in semis on the A3, but life and its possibilities are going to remain very much more rooted in places like these than the books and magazines pretend

HE time was when writers and commenta tors tried to understand and to celebrate the ordinary life of others. They tried to pinpoint what was special about it, how it worked why it was the way it was, and to respect it even if it was dif-ferent from their own, Britain has a whole tradition of such

iains, "and as far as I know no one has ever got violent." If the recent elections proved that Israel was a

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country divided down the middle, this place symbolises that divide like no other. But not the one between Jews, so graphically demonstrated by the poils that threw out Shimon Peres and his Labour government.

This is the country's only village with a population deliberately divided between Arabs and Jews. That's why it has two names - Neve Shalom in Hebrew, Wahat al-Salaam in Arabic. They both mean that Oasis of Peace

which it often seems not to be. Rarely can that name seem as strained as it does now that the village's lewish popula-tion is overwhelmingly Labour-supporting. The day it became clear that Israelin had chosen a right-wing prime minister, it was as though a pall of misery had set upon Neve Shalom.

The real problem is that the Arabs here don't see it as much as a tragedy for us as it is for them," says one Jewish resident. "We're here to prove that we can live together ---that we have to live together. Feelings are running high at Neve Shalom. They always are. Every crisis in the area is a calamity for the place founded 24 years ago by Bruno Husser, a Dominican monk. Husser was born a Jew in Hungary and when he converted to Christianity he decided his mission was to bring

the two peoples living in the land of the Bible together. Be-

and demonstrated against terrorism," says Rita Boulas, a Christian Arab. "But when the people were killed in Leba non, nobody wanted to demonstrate." Rita, in her late thirties. went to Neve Shalom because she wash t accepted anywhere else. "I came from east Jerusalem, which is run by fanatics,

and since I'm a Protestant that was hopeless for me." At least Neve Shalom is a place that faces the problems. Intermarriage poses huge problems in Israel, a country that refuses to allow civil weddings, but the village is home for one of its very few happily married Arab-Jewish couples. They don't want to talk about their lives — "and we respect their privacy," says Roward Shippin, a Christian born in Leeds who is married to Dorit, a Jewish woman who runs the and Arabic.

village's guest house. "There have been snormous injustices to the Araba," says Michal Zak, one of Neve Shalom's leading Jewish figures. "But it is more than just a question of who are the good guys and the bad guys. We have to find a new way of looking at our standards. After the assassmation of

Rabin, the Jews no longer had a moral advantage in thinking it couldn't happen here. The Arabs were very moved." The setting for Neve Shalom, high on the hills close to Jerusalem, couldn't be more

beautiful. There are few cars on its roads and it is so quiet, lom really begins, with pupils getting to know each other's culture, history and language. you can hear a flower drop. But there is always the talk, "We are here to face reali-

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that --- we talk about each other's lives and we have lom, Abde is an Israeli citizen. There are Jews here whose families despair of the idea loud, heated arguments." that they are living among The village has virtually doubled in the past seven Arabs. But, equally, Abde's family bates him living with years and has achieved an international status out of all Jews — particularly his father, the imam of a village proportion to its size. There is neer Nazareth. now a long waiting list to In Israeli towns that do have

move in. mixed Arab and Jewish popu-lations, they rarely share the same suburb, let alone the same street. But Neve Shalom When father Bruno estabished Neve Shalom in 1972, it was the closest thing anyone could imagine to a Jewishis beginning to work, so well Arab kibbutz. People living in indeed that delegations from Northern Ireland and the forlittle more than huts, every-one eating all their meals in a mer Yugoslavia have come to communal dining room. It was see it in action. The village has an experiment in raising its own primary school -- a beautifully equipped building sheep in between raising their voices — as often about who was going to look after the aniin its own grounds, with an almost equal number of Arab

mals as about political and Jewish pupils. The curric ulum is taught both in Hebrew DUILCAN'S. It isn't like that now. The sheep and any attempt at a community co-operative have gone. There is still a dining TIS heartening that parents from miles room, but it mostly serves meals to visitors or people around try to get places for their children therewho pay \$60 a night to stay in like Kiyoshi Inoue, aged

one of the individual chalets 11, and his brother Koji, that make up the guest house. eight, who have an American Christian mother and a Japa-Rita Boulos, for instance, showed me her pride and joy nese father. "I like it here very - a five-bedroom, four-bathmuch," says Kiyoshi, Eleven-year-old Rami Manee says all room house with huge picture windows giving a wide-screen view of the hills around. She, along with everyone else here Karta Schwartz, a Jew now 12, tells me he has only one friend is allowed to set up home in "We try our best to make "We try our best to make these friendships stick," ex-plains Yael Sharon, a Jewish teacher at the school. "Here in the school is where Neve Sha-low result begins with munic Neve Shalom only because they share Father Bruno's philosophy: to agree to under-stand the differences between Arab and Jew. Maram Hijazi, who sits on a committee that

the primary school or in the

decides who can join the community, puts it like this: "The candidates must believe in co-

know each other's culture, history and language PHOTOGRAPH SHERBAN

existence and equality be tween Jews and Arabs in Israel. Since this translates into political opinion, it is unlikely that someone from the right wing would arrive here."

Neve Shalom's political homogeneity is self-evident, but so is its social make-up. Vil-lagers are mostly intellectual and middle class. "Apart from those who work in places like the primer self and and self self. offices, they have to be able to hold down jobs which pay for them to travel to and from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. Most of

them are professionals or business people." Prospective residents are examined by a psychologist and have to serve a probation-ary period living in the village for more than a year. Then they are only allowed in per-manently if the rest of the membership accepts them. Arabic.

"It's like being blackballed by a London club," one of them said. Except that a Lon-don club is rarely as idealistic as this place. Or faces the kind of problems experienced by Rita Boulos, whose 16-year-old son, Saliman, would have liked to join the Israeli army along with his Jewish friends, along with his Jewish friends but as an Arab is not permitted to do so.

That — and the question of flying the Israeli flag on Indefrying the israeti rag on inde-pendence $Day \rightarrow is a recent-$ ring problem. Older mendoing their reserve training,coming home in uniform,sometime provoke resentment. "We don't know what will happen when the young ones do that, but we'll cope," says Howard Shiffin. They will cope. They'll shout — and they'll talk it through. In Hebrew and

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public relations and advertis-ing. New Snobbery despises risk-free civic ordinariness, a pecially in its suburban or non-London modes, with the special venom of which only a cocksure younger generation is capable. Fashion sets and sustains the trend. Was there ever a time in this century in which the lives lived by "ordinary" people — as opposed perhaps to their attitudes — were less

acknowledged and less cele-brated in our national culture It was not always thus. For most of the 20th century, social-ism used to speak for people who, unlike Major, lived ordinary lives unlit by success. fame or anything else. So, in its very different way, did a sub-stantial strand of Conservative thinking. But people wrote about ordinary life, painted it and falt some respect for it, too. At some point in the late 20th century, we all lost our faith in it. Old Snobbery never had much time for ordinary people unless they could be patied on the head. New Snobbery simply found them boring. But or-

writing (and film-making and painting), from Mayhew through Orwell to the late lamented New Society. Yet now, with the exception of a few romanticisers of the old working-class culture, people simply write about being lost in the global cataclysm or about hemselves.

In fact, there is still guite a lot of life in between. It doesn't have to be romanticised or de-monised to be taken seriously, though increasingly it is. In an essay from which Major once quoted very selectively, Orwell amously wrote about the characteristics of ordinary life which inspired him. He was not interested in a single rich not interested in a single rich mythic ordinariness. He was emphasising instead the diver-sity of ordinarinesses which seemed to make up English life. He described a rich and changing tapestry of frag-ments whose whole is perhaps

ments whose whole is permaps unknowable. The important thing about Orwell's celebration of ordi-nary Englishness is that it was multifarious, evolving and deeply tinged with the past. It emphasised such things as the verticateness of Raclish life, the privateness of English life, the extraordinary national addic-tion to hobbies and spare-time activities, the general absence of puritanical attitudes and of religion, the bawdiness, the en-joyment of gambling and drink, the sense of humour towards authority. In a week in which many have been more than usually tempted to stereo-type the English, this rich and real range of ordinariness still seems much more truthful to me than most of the fancies

and theories which are im-posed upon it. day, are the ideal prepara-tion, says Alison. But seven says the hockey team had a brief stint in Atlanta in consecutive days would be April but could not afford a prolonged stay. Without

women's hockey team anough to acclimatise. Acclimatisation for sport making use of a hi-tech humidifier PHOTOGRAPH PETER THOMONE

mechanisms get more efficient: the sweat is more dilute and the heart-rate goes down. Reilly says that in previous competitions such as the World Athletics Champtonships in Tokyo there were countless exam-

bodies' heat-coping systems risk worse than below-par leaps and sprints, as shown by the collapse of the Irish Turner, John Tracey, in the 10,000 metres final in Mos-COW.

Tina Cullen, who is tak-ing the summer term off from her job as a compre-hensive school PE teacher to prepare for the Olympics,

this extra preparation, she knows she will tire more quickly, and her speed and her decision-making will be hampered. "In the fortnight we're in Atlanta, we'll be playing eight games. That's a hell of a schedule." As with so much of the sporting world these days money talks. Many of Britain's athletes, including big names and major medal hopes, will have acclimatised by spending months already in Georgia, at the

Not all competitors can afford such luxury, however. For the other athletes, improvisation becomes allimportant. The women hockey team's use of a Belling fan heater is relatively sophisticated. Don Thompson, the British walker who won the Olympic gold in 1960 at Rome, managed to acclimatise at home, in his hethroom.

British Olympic training camp at Tallahassee.

PETER KINGSTON on the British team preparing for Atlanta with five fan heaters and an electric kettle 3 - a fan heater. The players might also pay small

We are in a window-less chamber some-where beneath the Liverpool Museum, one of the city's Victorian monuments, marvelling at the unlikeliest secret weapon in the British Olympic training programme.

Through the steam, the name on the metal box is still legible. Belling. . . as in Baby Belling, the cooker in a million bedsits. But no longer so homely, perhaps. For should the British women's hockey players tri-umph in Atlanta, some will owe their ability to overcome the sticky sub-tropi-

tribute to the unknown makers of an electric kettle belching out steam - unknown because its lid was missing. These are the first Olym-

pics for which the British squad has had a team acclimatisation programme, rather than leaving it to the individual members. This may sound extraordinary. considering the sweltering climates at the last four Olympics --- Barcelona,

Seoul, Los Angeles and Moscow. It seems even more unbelievable that you can accal heat to the Belling Tango | climatise for sub-tropical

conditions using an electric tire and a kettle. The mastermind behind the project is Tom Refly, professor of sports science at Liverpool's John Moore

University and chairman of the British Olympic Association's grandly titled exer-cise physiology steering group. He unlocks the door of the shabby basement two floors below his office in a wing of the museum which is temporarily occupied by the university's sports science department and we enter his ersatz Atlanta. It

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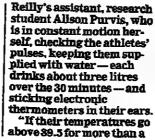
is hot and sulfry: 31 degrees Centigrade with 70 per cent relative humidity. Five

. beaters, including the Tango, are on full blast. Steam whooshes up from the kettle and a bath. Through the haze, two pinkfaced bockey internationals are pedalling on exercise

cycles. They have to maintain 60 to 80 revs a minute for half an hour on a resistance setting of 1.5 kilos, says Prof

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minute they have to stop," she explains. Tina Cullen, a 26-year-old forward, and Carolyn Reid, the reserve goalkeeper, 24, are hover-ing a degree below the danger mark at temperatures which, in other circumstances, would put them in their sick beds.

Three weeks of this treatment, for up to 45 minutes a ples of underperformance as a result of lack of warm weather training. Athletes who fail to tune their

in a hot climate means stimulating the body's thermo-regulatory mechanisms --blood circulation and sweating — by exertion. With each session, the

16 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shelter from the storm

HAVE just read Anne Karpf's article (Children of the Holocaust, G2 front, June 25) and I feel impelled to tell of something that happened to me. In 1938-9. in my middle twenties, in London and just becoming politically aware, I read an article in the News Chronicle about Kitchener Camp, near Sandwich. Kent. Perhaps the publicity was engineered by Victor Gol-lancz, one of the philanthropic English Jews who helped escaping refugees. The article told of how our

Government had been persuaded to hand over the naval camp left unused after the first world war, and now derelict. to house those refugees who were not sent to our camp on the Isle of Man. It told of the pitiful conditions under which they were living as the old Nissen huts were gradually rehabilitated one by one, and a few more could be housed. The News Chronicle suggested its readers might befriend one. I wrote offering to corre-

spond with one refugee and was overcome by receiving three requests. Such poignant letters, one in good English. the others, poor, but each beseeching help in getting wives or sweethearts to England. Each one of them became a

life-long friend and my life has been greatly enriched by knowing them. Each one's story has been strange and diverse, with tragedy and happi-ness; and the day. May 7 1939, when, armed with a threehour permit obtained from some War Office department, met my three refugees is forever etched into my memory. Approaching the gates

(with high fences topped by wire, it certainly looked like a concentration camp to me). handing the permit to a uni-formed guard, and meeting these poor bedraggled men at last, the moment was charged with emotion. In a nearby field, we unpacked a picnic and the three shyly produced their contribution — two slices of bread and marge wrapped in newspaper. Elleen Howarth. Grange Road, London N6.

NNE Karpf's article does not reflect the expevriences of all Jewish refugees in this country. I came to England in 1939 after a circuitous and fairly traumatic journey through Europe. In Italy we (my ua 11 mere greelea with "No Jews Allowed" on the park benches: in France there was little or no enthusiasm about our plight; and I need not go into detail on our experiences in Austria. This small island was, belatedly, preparing for a war in which it stood alone. It did not know how to feed the 50 miltion people who were here already, yet it opened the doors to us, to the kindertransports, to young and old. We were enemy aliens and had to register with the police whenever we moved around are more likely to appeal

- but who can blame this beleagured country with so many German-speaking strangers? England saved the lives of thousands at a time when it had other things to think of. This was for many of us a haven, where people were civilised and kind, where its citizens' courage during the war was quite extraordinary For those of us who love this

green and pleasant land, and the kindness we were offered here, I would like to express my gratitude. Daisy Berger. Victoria Road, London NW7.

AM grateful to Anne Karpf for expressing her feelings so lucidly. My wartime memories are of the loss of a beloved father, a conscripted RAF officer, who was killed as a result of the war in 1945. shortly after my eighth birthday. The stress and anxiety of this event contributed, 20 years later, to the premature death of my mother from a stroke.

The war blighted the lives of millions of families in this way and perhaps in 1947 Britain was too shell-shocked by it all. My children are now adults and parents themselves. They will never know how hard I have worked to hide my sorrow and not allow them to become a third generation of victims. It is important to me that all

young people learn about the appalling crimes that were perpetrated against the Jew-ish people in the second world war, but if the human race is to survive and outgrow aggression we must not pass guilt and sorrow on to them. Name and address supplied. OK, we admit

NNE Karpf notes her parents' tendency to be little others' emotional suffering. I would add that some of my fellow Jews, rightly anxious that future generations should not forget the Shoah. seem to dismiss current outrages — in East Tiraor or Burma, for example ---- as quantitatively or quali-tatively less grave than the systematic extermination of six million Jews.

learn from this approach in his treatment of the problem of poverty (Letters, June 28). Yet surely the similarities His department's figures tell us that the numbers on a low income, measured by a outweigh the differences; for just as individuals and governments looked away as the European definition, have intrains rolled towards Auschcreased from five million in witz, so today's cenocidal des 1979 to 14 million today. Yet he pots are buttressed by our inand other senior ministers discriminate quest for trading continue to deny the very exisand touristic opportunities tence of a problem. our silence. The Chancellor of the Ex Vera Lustig. chequer dismissed evidence Grange Court, that the poorest were worse Walton-on-Thames off, first with the less than ana Surrey KT12. lytical question "If we are no better off, why do I see so many satellite dishes?". He Letters to the Editor may be then told the House of Comfaxed on 0171 837 4530 or sent by post to 119 Farringdon Road, mons that many of those de fined as being in the bottom 10 per cent were there only be. London EC1B 3EB, and by email to lettersu/guardian.co.uk Please include a full postal address and daytime telephone number, even in e-mailed letters. We regret we cannot acknowledge receipt of letters. We may edit them: shorter ones



Up that constitution hill How the odd couple made Joan's big night at the opera

HOSE attending AA meet-**EONY BLAIR'S decision** ings are encouraged to in-troduce themselves as "an alto impose a referendum on a Welsh assembly and coholic" before speaking. The a Scottish parliament is an affront to the people of these tence of a problem is acknowledged, a cure is unlikely to be countries. It is yet another ez-ample of the Labour leaderforthcoming. Mr Lilley might ship running scared of the Conservatives and bowing to the agenda of a party which is com-pletely isolated on this issue in both Wales and Scotland

The Labour parties of Wales and Scotland had already decided that they would press ahead with plans for devolu-tion without the need for a referendum. The only bodies entitled to change this decision are the Welsh and Scottish con-

easily. After devolution, the Westminster parliament will not suddenly become exclusively English; it will remain the UK parliament and when the output handlen and when its members pass legislation concerning, say, education in England, the repercussions will be felt throughout the British Isles. If there were any significant anomaly, it might he that Westminster MPs would have no say on Scottish education. But legislation

which produces asymmetries favourable to the Scots, Welsh or Irish is readily tolerated, if not positively welcomed, by all fair-minded people. The West Lothian question is a silly

strongest, 58 per cent of the votes went to parties other ARE your opera critic Andrew Clements (The than hers. The splintering of Parliatotal destruction of Joan of

ment into dozens of small per ties can easily be prevented by disqualifying any party with, say, less than 15 per cent of the s. Coalitions of any sort would have prevented the worst excesses of the 1945-50 Labour government and the 1979 to early 1990s' Tory ones Tom Roberts 26 Rectory Road. Wivenhoe, Colchester,

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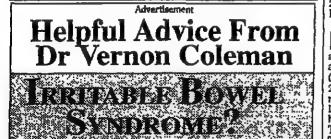
willing to make a decision

Arc, June 26) and Rodney Milnes of the Times working in collusion? All old opera hands know that ticket sales are stimulated both by a rave review and by a real stinker. which can often lead to a suc-cis de scandale. Did these two set out to come to the ald of Covent Garden by providing a prime example of each on the same day? Even to the point of ticking off points on which they agreed to dis-agree? Consider the evidence: Milnes: "slap-up new production ... as stimulating an evening as the whole (Verdi) project has thrown up"; Clements: "the worst, most catastrophically miscalculated new production I have ever een at Covent Garden' Milnes: "if some of the theatrical vigour here had gone into Luc Bondy's anaemic. prissy Don Carlos, we would have been getting somewhere": Clements: "coming hard on the heels of Luc Bondy's superlative Don Carlos": Milnes: "Philip Prowse's lavish production and decor are stunning": Clements: there is no reason to treat any piece with the contempt that underlies Philip Prowse's production" Milnes: "Dennis O'Neill has done nothing better in my experience, caressing the vocal lines with honeyed nezza voice"; Clements "Dennis O'Neill has not been encouraged to do much more than stand and deliver": Milnes: "June Anderson is almost at fault in making it sound so easy: her technique is equal to anything Verdi throws at her"; Clements: June Anderson has one stock gesture ... she negotiates the role's coloratura with more efficiency than allure". Jeremy Isaacs should con-gratulate two such eminent critics for combining to give Giovanna such a splendid send-off. Sir Denis Forman. The Mill House, Howe Street, Cheimsford, Essex.

ANTING attended the Opening of Giovanna d'Arco at the Royal Opera last Tuesday. Lagree with Gerald Kaufman (Letters, June 27) that, pace Andrew Clements's review, there have been worse productions To his list I would add the sad Fliegender Hollander done for Sir Colin Davis's retirement, and the recent Gotterdammerung. But the real "most cata-

strophically miscalculated production" is the development project for modernisa tion of the house (Royal Opera House plagued on all sides, June 22), off the ground at last after 10 years, and the

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cause they had "very good accountants". Until ministers acknowledge the facts they are un-likely to be able to begin addressing their dependency problem. Chris Pond

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theory is that, until the exis-

Director, Low Pay Unit, 27/29 Amwell Street, London EC1R 1UN.

NOT only are 80 per cent of judges Oxbridge gradu-ates, but of the most recent appointments you list (Bench's old school ties, June 27), not one is a woman. So much for the Lord Chancellor's brave new words when he took office. Tim Symonds. The Lodge, Conock Manor. Wiltshire SN10 3QQ.

SINCE nobody has yet been Sconvicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, should not the 12 eminent figures who signed the letter (June 27) from Human Rights Watch have referred to Radovan Karadzic and others only as al-leged war criminals. Otherwise it looks as though they believe that this supposedly importial tribunal may already have made its judgme (Dr) C B Goodhart. Gonville & Caius College.

Cambridge CB2 1TA. THE allegation in Leslie Plonimer's article (Evidence belies Tunisian human rights claims, June 11) neithe reflect Turnsia's realities nor her endeavours to foster the

democratic process, and rein-force the respect for human rights, by anchoring them not only in the law but also in our daily practice. My government never claimed that, in its endeav ours to ensure full respect for human rights, it had achieved all its objectives. It would be unfair, however, to claim that the human rights situation has deteriorated. All objective observers have recognised the ar-reaching reforms embarked upon by President Ben Ali's government since 1987 to democratise the system and consolidate the civil society. Tunisia did all this while standing up to the violent challenges of extremism. Fatma Houidi. Press & Political Counsellor. Tunisian Embassy. 29 Prince's Gate. London SW71QG.

irences of the parts The only people who have welcomed this move are those within the Labour Party who oppose any kind of Welsh asembly or Scottish parliament The referendum will be used as a delaying tactic by such oppo-nents and will inevitably delay the establishment of the Weish and Scottish bodies. Annabelle Harle Ceri Evans. 4 Ovington Terrace Canton, Cardiff CF5 1GF.

OPPOSING a referendum, now that it is on the

agenda, can only do harm be-cause such opposition is essen tially no different from the way in which the Scottish people have been denied the exercise of their electoral man date rejecting Tory rule for so long. If you believe in the things you stand for, you must believe that you can win the support of a majority of the people. Peter Nieisen. 81 Droitwich Road Worcester WR37JB.

UGO Young (The high road that leads to Britain, June 27) asks how it can conceivably be justified, after the setting up of a Scottish parliatime to time. To suggest that this is what the people want flies in the face of the facts: ment, that Scots MPs "go on voting about policies and bills that apply only to England." The answer, of course, is very

A lesson in good grammar

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These procedures require con-sultation, publication of de-

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no need to scrap existing safe

guards of public opinion. Martin Rogers. Local Schools Information.

their own proposals.

1-5 Bath Street,

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change.

YOUR leader (Irrelevant and unpopular, June 25) asserts that "the hidden agenda" of the old gramma school system was "to ensure" that schools "continued to decant large numbers of children without qualifications ... to labour in [the] fields [and] dig coal." Was it really? Shortly, you will be arguing that the real reason why 80 per cent of children of un-skilled workers still leave school at 16 is because of poor teachers and poor schools. It might not please the Guardian, anymore than it pleases the Government and Opposition, that the less affluent display none of the inclination for protracted study which so preoccupies the more affluent: but when exactly did not being middle class, and thinking like the middle

classes, become such an evi-dent sign of "failure"? Before you next parades the less affluent as "failures" you might explain why having more and more youngsters reading books will make the country any more competitive at making goods. (Dr) James Murphy. Dept of Education Research. University of Lancaster. Lancaster LA1 4YL

SHOU Tony Cash 7 Lilyville Road London SW65DP

about censorship. It has been even more disappointing for HE Prime Minister's claims that the only consti millions of people that their local councils have been unable to make decisions about tutional change required is to allow more time for consultarather more pressing concerns tion on proposed bills, and that all other changes must be gradthanks to government controls on expenditure and interferual and evolutionary. cannot ence with local authority resbe taken seriously (PM says ponsibilities. Contrary to Mr Redwood's changes 'would unstitch Britassertions, there is no lack of leadership in local governish way of life', June 27). An important element in our constitution has just been ment, rather a frustration amended with almost no seriabout the framework in which ous debate — the amendment to the Bill of Rights to allow authorities have to operate. Nor are most local councils MPs to sue for defamation . The Bill of Rights has previfearful of proposals to devolve powers to regional assemblies ously been considered a bas

These powers would not be drawn upwards from existing local authorities; they would derive from the ill-coordinated tion of the constitution only to be altered after full debate and vith cross-party consent. It is difficult to see anything gradand unaccountable network of ual or evolutionary about this regional government already in place, manned by civil ser-Lesley Farlonger. Park House, Bradwell, Braintree Essex CM7 8EP. rants and government-appointed guangos.

A revived democracy local, regional and national -R MAJOR'S party isa-gainst electoral reform, must rest on the twin princioles of accountability and sub sidiarity — precisely what Mr Redwood demands in relation and Labour only lukewarm about it. because under the existing system each party has a to Europe. chance of absolute power from

Sir Jeremy Beecham Chairman, Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 35 Great Smith Street. even when Thatcher was at her London SW1P 3BJ.

Heavy metal

THERE is nothing new in allowing schools to be-come partially or wholly selec-tive: there are well-established procedures for making "a sig-/OU imply (Zambian agency faces inquiry. June 27) that the London subsid-iary of ZCCM, the Zambian copper producer, is being in-vestigated by the UK regulatory authorities. This statement has no foundation and I can categorically state that no UK regulatory body has ap-proached us or is seeking information from us. **ZCCM**, or its subsidiaries.

tailed proposals, a two-month period for objections and a do not have any remit or au-thority to undertake speculafinal decision by the Secretary tive trading positions on the What is new - and has London Metal Exchange and received no significant comtherefore can categorically refute the allegation that we white paper proposes to tear up the existing right of poten-tial parents and local commuhave a "long" market position of 100,000 tonnes, or have ever had this exposure.

You also allude to the London subsidiary's dealings with Global Minerals and Metals as a metals broker. This comproperly considered in this way. Grant-maintained way. Grant-maintained schools would be free to decide who to "consult" and how, and then to arrive at pany is not a broker and our actual relationship with it is that of a customer for sales their own decisions about and purchases of physical If the changes schools might wish to make enjoy popular support there would surely be metal along with many other rustom **UM** Mutati

General manager. Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines Ltd. 5309 Dedan Kimathi Road. PO Box 30048. Lusaka, Zambia

A Country Diary

MACHYNLLETH: A writer of | more precious plants. Getting long ago used a strange ex-pression in reference to the rid of it is not easy because cutting it back only increases its zeal for empire-building. It geology of North Wales. He said that limestone "bursts out" all the way from Angle-sey to Flintshire then turns

south to Llangollen, finally dying out on the border between Shropshire and Montgomeryshire. This band of gomerysture. This cand of limestone is a great boon to botanists because here and there its flora is exceptional-ly rich, as on the Great Orme

at Llandudno. But it was not to the Orme that I went with two friends on Monday. We went instead to the limestone's southern tip between Oswestry and Welshpool. We began in a long-disused quarry and inimediately ran into a buge conservation problem — the wild clematis or old man's beard. It is also called traveller's joy but it certainly is not botanists' joy when, though this quarry above Llanyingm. ech is a nature reserve, they ee the clematis spreading in all directions, sufficiating

failure, after 10 years trying, to find a theatre for the companies to perform in during the closure. So several hundred loyal

staff will lose their jobs, on top of the 100 or so already made redundant because of financial mismanagement. And Mr Iseacs gets his knighthood. (Prof) Desmond Donovan. 52 Willow Road, London NW3 1TP.

Rupert's rights

THE irony of his statement that "now MPs have gained the same rights as other citizens" as a result of the Defamation Bill amendment is lost on Rupert Allason Good news for the media. June 27).

Firstly, without any reciprocity in this arbitrary gain. ing of rights, his words are politically meaningless. Secondly, and more importantly, Andrew Nicol's assertion (Sword and shield, June 27) that politicians must be prepared to accept criticism better than the ordinary citizen has never been truer.

If Rupert Allason fails to take cognisance of the elector-ate's boredom with irritating, pompous and incessantly litigious MPs, then he should (dis)gracefully bow out in favour of someone who will. Samantha Hillas, 62 Leghorn Road. London NW10 4PH.

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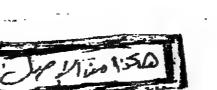
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was a relief for us to get beyond the clematis thickets to open ground where bee orchids were in full, magnificent flower. In chalk districts of England the bee orchid of England the oee orchid may be taken for granted, but here in the west it is a trea-sure we go far to seek. Up slopes yellow with rock-roses and lively with butter-flies we walked from Fag

roses and lively with outrer-flies, we walked from Eng-land into Wales, following the Offa's Dyke footpath. From the summit we looked east across the Shropshire plain: but Cheshire, visible up there on a clear day, was lost in haze. Westwards, we looked across miles of Montgomeryshire but, like Chesh-ire, the Welsh mountains were veiled. No matter, it was good to be up there, looking across a peaceful border-land which in the past has seen so much of the bloody side of life.

WILLIAM CONDRY

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The Guardian Saturday June 29 1996 **INTERVIEW 17** Shirley Williams helped restore power to the centre, then drifted from the centre of power --- found love, lost it and found it again. Is that why she's got God?

Mistress of the middle ground

The Joanna Coles Interview

HIRLEY WILLIAMS bares into the room, floral shirtwaleter lapping wildly as if it can't quite keep up with her. Rushing over to the phone, she pumps out a coffee while commanding her secretary to rearrange a meeting. Then, gripping the saucer as if about to enter an egg and spoon race, she hares out again, coffee flailing in the vortex, to have her photo taken. It's as though a cyclone has been and gone, as if she has her own micro-climate clinging to her skirt. Two minutes later the tornado returns, blowing open the door and whirling dervthe door and whiring derv-ishly into the nearest chair, "Tm back now," she sings un-necessarily, as if perhape I can't see her through the dust cloud in her wake. Yes, she car-tainly is, and where I wonder, does it come from, this astounding energy which even abe calls "limitless"?

Tve revved up to a pace that I keep to all the time," she cries, aiready rattling away at a speed of knots. 'If I go on holiday I don't sit on a beach, I hik round Skye! Or Wyoming! Or I go canoeing or hiking. Long hikes, forg hikes, so I never let

"But that's terrible," I proformer adviser to presidents test, astonished that someone as, well, copuble as Shirley Williams could suffer from a broken heart. 'Yes. I waited and conited for

it to be annulled." "How terrible," I murmur again, struck by her look of momentary sadness "Yes, yes," she says briskly. Well there it is. Bernard wanted a divorce because he wanted to marry someone else. It was clear it was unreasonable for me to stand in the way." Did she try?

"I did try very hard at first, I then, well I already knew Tony, we were going out steadily and un, we thought we would like to get married. "Annulment is nothing to do with fault you know," she continues, anxious to explain the differences between Catholic

and Anglican divorces. 'It binges on the intentions of the parties when they got married. The Church and Bernard had a wonderful time philosophi-cally debating what his inten-tions were, which must have been quite fun for him." And presumably agonising

"He finally concluded that his intentions as an atheist did not include the idea of marriage as a sacrament. It couldn't. He wasn't a believer.

for her

'God came up with a husband I'm terribly happy with. The Lord giveth and the Lord ask him about the papers; he

Kennedy and Carter, is making the Williams' grade. The cou-ple divide their time between here, Harvard — where Williams is Professor of Elective Politics — and Neustadi's house on Cape Cod. "Being married again I know what it is to have a supportive husband," says the Barones cheerily. "There was an article in the Daily Telegraph this week which likened me to Pol

Pot, well I could take it home to Dick and laugh about it. I guess if I'd been younger and gone ne on my own I would have been upset. You can't share that with a kid." For much of her years both in and out of government, Wil-liams brought up her daughter

Becky alone, sometimes hurtling the 40 miles to their home in Hertfordshire twice a day. Even with full-time help it must have been grim as a single parent, wrestling with compre hensive education, Commons' bours and media flak. "Good point," she nods,

eased. "If I had had a support ive partner I would have probe bly leapt further towards highest office. When I ran as deputy eader against Michael Foot. well if I'd had a supportive part ner like Margaret had Dennis, someone older who wasn't a rival, I would have tried again as deputy leader and possibly as leader, I don't think it's strange that Mrs Thatcher was

ery happily married." But according to Carol Thatcher, Dennis was absent nuch of the time and Margaret used to call her daughter by her secretary's name! "My sense is that Macgie had Dennis there to support her, to



drops out. When I got married to Dick he sold in three or four years I'll start slowing down. That was six years ago! I don't know where it comes from though, God's gift I suppose."

I had not been prepared for quite how much God would enter my conversation with Baroness Williams of Crosby. Ann Widdecombe notwithstanding, it's unusual for a politician — especially an ex-Lebour Cabinet minister — to invoke the Lord quite as often as Williams does. It's no secret that she's a Roman Catholic. but then she's also divorced, so I'd assumed that she'd worked out her own corner-cutting Catholicism, as contemporary

Catholics are wont to do. She's quick to assure me that I am wrong. She goes to Mass most weeks and is "devout". "I didn't divorce Bernard," she says abruptly, referring to Bernard Williams, her first hushand whom she met at Oxford and married when she was 25. "I had to allow him to

divorce me." But I thought the marriage was annulled?

'It was. But so many years later that the chap I met and subsequently wanted to marry, Anthony King, well I couldn't, because the marriage wasn't annulled." [King is now Professor of Government at Essex and happily married.]

taketh away' So they got their annulment, but too late for Tony King. Does she wish she'd just married him anyway? "Looking back it's probably a better marriage, the one I've made. Tony was very much in-volved in his own career path then, it would have been like my first marriage, an endless strain. But I terribly wanted to marry him and I think he terri-bly wanted to marry me." Did they have a physical relationship? "I'm not going to answer that." (I ask, because in her memoir, Snakes and Lad-ders, which she will read on Radio 4 next week, Williams explains that she is against abortion but not contraception - on the grounds that it's unrealistic to expect adults to refrain from lovemaking for several weeks or months.) "I do believe God moves in a mysterious way," she rattles on. "God came up with a husband I'm terribly happy with. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed is the Lord," she murmurs a little later. (I resist the temptation to ask why God couldn't get it right the first time and save those involved so much pain.) Second time round, however, and Richard Neustadt, a widowed Harvard professor and

clicked in at just about the point when it's most necessary, when the world says she's on her way. "Something I saw with Ber-

nard was the pain he suffered, the pain of being called Mrs Shirley Williams. It's alright for women, we're used to taking someone else's name. But men find it very hard. It's hard to underestimate the amount of savagery out there. You know, "What's it like being the nanny at home?" Dick laughs his bead off, but Bernard was hurt." There is something endear

ingly brave about the way in which Shirley Williams talks about her life. She doesn't pat a silky matt finish on every surface. But still the doub remains, has she fulfilled her potential as a politician? "I'm not just a backbench peer!" she protests. "I'm a spokesman on things like the asylum bill. (She recently co-

ordinated the behind-the-scenes coalition ranging from would be a short operation and we're completely on track." she the Duke of Norfolk to Lord the SDP polled only two per cent fewer votes than Labour in Boyd Carpenter, which blew a hole in the bill and protected the 1983 election the rights of torture victims.] I'm chairman of the Eastern legion, I'm very involved . . . " But she's not at the centre of the centre have changed out of all recognition. In the next 10 power, as she once was. Does years we'll probably see a rightshe feel she was thwarted by her decision to leave Labour in wing party and a mainstream Tory party. Or vice versa, with 1981 and found the SDP?

the left wing of the Tories recruited by us, or by Labour." "Oh, on the contrary! I have a

How?

great sense of satisfaction be

cause we changed the unh

process of British politics!"

Williams: 'If I had had a supportive partner, I would have probably leapt further towards highest office' But wouldn't these changes have happened anyway? "In 1981 the key factors were Europe, one member one vote "Look. we never thought it and constitutional reform. Well, we've got that. We've got a commitment for constitutional laims, reminding me that form and a commitment to

cabinet minister The irony is that while The political structures of Williams is outside the door. Will Labour win the next election? "Yes, but not with the euphoric predictions. It will be a huge achievement to get

jority for two parliaments. It sure we will --- well with luck we will -- then I think the Lih Dems will get enough MPs to sustain Labour until they get through major constitutional stake."

cal career, is she most proud? No hesitation. "I'm very

won't happen. And I think if we get basic commitments, I'm reform. I feel a hell of a lot is at

hare out, I have a final ques-tion. Of what, during her politipleased that most parents want

Time's up. As she prepares to

schools to remain comprehen-sive," she says, reaching for the door. There is no time to argue,

Labour has transformed itself, Labour in with a sufficient ma-

Europe. I feel colossally pleased. I don't feel I need to be a

The closed book is an education in itself When STEPHEN BATES was asked to book was to be applauded, as I sive it was: "Congratulations on producing such a The book was due to be pub-lished at the NUT's Easter conmanuscript There were a couple of

write an official history of the National Union of Teachers, he didn't ference but it is still sitting on the general secretary's desk today. Only a couple of senior staff have seen it. I was told that if I showed the book to expect the truth to count against it Carole Regan, the NUT's presi-

t go ahead

speak to the hard left.

say (some friends who read

the book thought so too). The

TALL started so promisingly. Last September, just after being moved to Brussels by the Guardian, I was asked to write an official history of the National Union of

Teachers. The book was delivered on all 82,000 words of it -- and was appraised by Doug McAvoy, the general secretary, as "immensely readable and perceptive". Maybe a bit too perceptive as it happens. This is a small tale of inertia and inter-nal politics which has left me rather confused it was to be a big project, costing the union a cool £175,000 and capping the NUT's 125th anniversary cele-

brations. I thought it a great honour and that it would be an interesting and extraordinary story to tell. The last 25 years have been bumpy ones, both for education as a whole and for the NUT, a turbulent period since the Government's reform act.



Possibly, the story was a bit too bumpy from the NUT's point of view as it encompassed a steep decline in terms of its membership and influence over government policy. opinions. as well as deep internal politithat maybe the book was no cal divisions and a catastrophic, long-running strike. It was never going to be a celebratory work. so the NUT's ing in a letter from McAvoy courage in commissioning the | himself saying how impres-

issues he wanted to sort out, but I wasn't told officially what they were. Unofficially, I was told I was a bit outspok about the union's loss of influence over education policy dent and no political soulmate and had been a bit unkind to Fred Jarvis, the former eenof McAvoy, he would never let eral secretary. In retrospect, am beginning to think Fred

In preparing the book, I spoke to a wide range of NUT was right in warning the union. on my appointment, that I was insufficiently symdenizens, from former general secretaries to politicians and ordinary union members. pathetic to the NUT'. I didn't Maybe I was not supposed to think so at the time, but I am beginning to wonder. Hopelessly naive, I hear you What I think has really been

the problem is that I was bluntly critical of the path the

trouble is, having spent some time working for a paper whose most famous editor's most famous dictum was omething about comment. being free but facts being

sacred, I had got rather used to that luxury. Besides, the union said they would correct factual inaccuracies but not research facilities and expenses for his travel and The obvious inference is

accommodation. No restrictions were good. But I delivered it to encomiums of praise, culminatplaced on whom he chose to interview though some may have felt that what they said | tions. That process is in-

union took from 1970, which has left it marginalised and on the wrong side of many educational arguments since then, unable to deploy effectively its case or counter accusations of low standards and expecta-

tions. I thought the criticisms self-evident. Since January, things have gone quiet. Doug and I have made nine appointments to meet and he has cancelled them all at the last minute. He has written once to say exasperatedly that he does not. think the national executive will want to publish the book in its present form. It is as if,

In view of his earlier comments, this is surprising, but life has changed at the NUT and the left is gaining ground at the moderates' expense. If my book was originally meant as a defence of the moderates. then perhaps it somehow did not live up to expectations. On the other hand, could this just be the inertia of a big

organisation and a general ecretary who has had second thoughts but can't quite bring himself to kill a project off? I think McAvoy is putting off a meeting in the hope that it will just go away. The left like to say the NUT is a Dougo

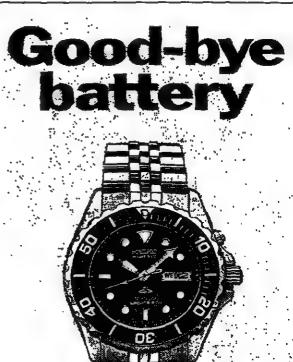
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cracy. Maybe the general secretary will decide to pull the olugs on his own. If so, I hope he lets me know.

complete, and the author's article in the Guardian is unhelpful and surprising. By identifying in print as pects which might have caused concern, he has

Issues for discussion were identified but I do pot choose to join Mr Bates in airing them publicly.

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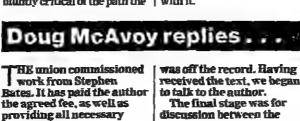
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discussion between the author and me prior to a decision on publication which would have been taken by the appropriate NUT committee before the end of the 125-year celebra-

was off the record. Having received the text, we began to talk to the author.

having commissioned an expensive toy, the general secre tary no longer wants to play with it.

The final stage was for difficult

made the process more

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Who will pay the jazz man?

ATS WALLER passed his short life playing stride plano like nobody else and drinking hard liquor like few ever could. And when he was done writing and playing and drinking, he died, his booze-sodden frame succumbing to a bout of pneumonia in 1943, a few months off his 40th birthday. It was a busy life. There were songs to write and alimony payments to find and glasses to fill. It's no sur-prise the striding hand behind Honeysuckle Rose and Aln't Michael

Misbehavin — among 500 others — never found time to sign up an executor. He was too busy playing. But boy, does it complicate

things. Half a century after his death, Waller has no one to care for his affairs, let alone accept the money he never earned in his lifetime.

For Herbie Hancock, too, it creates a problem, Last year Hancock set about creating The Big Beat, a history of jazz for CD-Rom, "We didn't want to make an encyclopaedia or a documentary," says Frank Ba-logh, the project's producer for Califorman multi-media com-pany, The Graphix Zone. "We wanted to tell the story of how the music happened. How it all came out of adversity." Users will walk through a computergenerated 3-D image of Storyville, the red light district of New Orleans where modern jazz was more or less born. learning about its development by visiting the bars and bordellos along its streets.

Telling the story meant film clips of the masters and film clips of the masters meant rights clearances. Copyright on music may well be owned by music publishing companies, but an individual or their estate always retains rights to the artist's image You want to use a picture of Miles Davis on your CD-Rom? You've got to pay for it. With Davis there is no problem. His estate is relatively new and very organised. Ditto with Charlie Parker and Dizzie Gillespie. Gerry Mulligan and John Coltrane. Most of the 50 or so greats who appear on the CD were easily traceable.

But not all of them. in early June an unassuming inchsquare advert appeared in the classified section of the Hollywood Reporter, the tra

Herbie Hancock has a problem; he can't find anyone to take royalties for the late jazz greats. JAY RAYNER reports

Tatum, Albert Ammons. Pete Johnson, Fats Waller, The Berry Bros and Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson'' were to con-tact a phone number in New York. Rights clearance company Diamond Time had been trying for months to find someone to pay but had failed The advert was the last resort. In attempting to fix the his-tory of jazz, Hancock had inadvertently discovered that some of its most favoured sons had done nothing to care for

their own. "It really is hizarre," says Deborah Rob-ins. the amateur jazz clarinettist and rights expert who was given the job of clearing the material for Diamond Time in New York. "Marie Curie has

cations and research organisations for each of the names on the list, but nothing." "With Fats, I'm not that sur prised," says jazz historian and musician Benny Green. "He was a profligate idiot. Hopeless. Constantly signed away his rights, sold songs for \$500 just to pay off a debt. Lots of these must wrap like that of these guys were like that. They shuffled through life not making much, never thinking to sort things out because there's nothing to sort out. And then 30 years after they die the world catches up with

them and what they were doing. It's like Charlie Parker He never made any money during his lifetime but now they are fighting over the

cash. Likewise Fats. He was a

great musician and a great

songwriter but he was no

businessman."



an estate. Thomas Edison has an estate. You would think someone like Fats Waller would have an estate." Indeed you would. Since the

For the lesser known names on the list like the boogie-woo-1978 musical Ain't Misbehavin gie kings Albert Ammons and Pete Johnson, who play a dust opened on Broadway, Waller's music has had a major renaisin the film earmarked for The sance, the more obscure and Big Beat, there may be little forgotten of his songs slipping hope of ever finding anyone to take the royalties. The world their way back in to the clas-sic jazz repertoire. In the footage for the CD he's playing they occupied was defiantly This Joint Is Jumping, a celead hoc and informal, almost bration of uptown rent parties in New York. And yet, despite his legendary generosity with his seed and the rumours of every performance a simple cash-in-hand opportunity in the bourbon soused bars of New Orleans. They didn't think to sign a contract before the myriad women across the States that he helpfully imhitting the keys. "And there is now money to pregnated, nobody has come be made from the image," says Robins. "Usually estate manforward who can claim to be legal guardian of his memory

started out we were just get-ting used to the idea of royalty clearances for home video. Now there's CD-Rom and the Internet. Cash really is going to be generated."

Robins declares herself most surprised by the lack of estate for Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. A virtuoso dancer who worked his way from Vaudeville to as near star status as was possible for a black man in the Hollywood of the thirties and forties, he be-came paired in the American consciousness with Shirley Temple, with whom he danced countless times. "I remember him as a big star from seeing all the Temple films on TV. And yet there's nobody out there for him." His wife is now dead and there were no chil-dren. "We did track down a god-daughter who is getting on in years too. She wanted the money for the non-profit children's theatre she runs. But lawyers said a god-daughter could not be a legal heir like a daughter or even a niece." If nobody comes forward,

Hancock will still be able to use the footage, as long as roy-alties are put aside in case anybody does surface, "We've done everything in law," says Robins, "so we're covered." As a result of the Hollywood Reporter advert, an estate manager has already come forward for planist Art Tatum: it's a lawyer in San Francisco who also handles the affairs of saxophonist John Coltrane, Indeed, according to Frank Ba-logh, the problem Hancock's Big Beat is now having is with the estates of Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington, who

know all about their rights "They're being bulldogish They say these guys were ex-ploited during their lifetime and they don't want to see them exploited now. We're trying to reassure them but even without their help we'll find a way to do it. We'll still be able to use the music even without their images." The irony is that Hancock

and his Big Beat, due for release in the US later this year, may well be doing the history of jazz a favour. At least with the efforts of Robin and Diamond Time it is possible heirs will be found and payments made where payments are due. After all, you only truly know what is lost



MICHAEL **BILLINGTON** on **Flesh And Blood**

Law of the land

HILIP Osment's Flesh And Blood dwells on country matters: it is, in fact, the final part of a Devon trilogy that Osment has been quietly compiling over the past three years. And. although it somewhat self-consciously mixes Hardy's fatalism with Chekhov's sense of waste, it has a theatrical power that many more ballyhooed drama

tists might envy. Osment's theme is the burden of the past and the tyranny of land. In the first act, set in the 1950s, we see the cautious, hymn-singing Devonian sib-lings. Rose and William, doing everything possible to prevent their unstable brother.

their unstable brother. Charles, from selling his share of the farm they have jointly inherited: they even block his attempt to escape through marriage to local good-time girl Shirley. Thirty years later

Shirley, who has emigrated to Australia, returns to find the farm and its occupants in total decay: what is more she comes clutching photographs of her grown-up son, who may be the natural inheritor of the land. What is good about Osment's play is the sense that the central trio are all victims of their patrimony. A portrait of their father is suspended over the plano like a religious icon; and the land they have inherited turns out to be a curse. blighting their emotional lives and ruining them economically. The farm offers cold comfort but Osment avoids Starkadderish melodrama by dwelling on rural reality: the rhythms of work supersede emotional crisis -- even at moments of high tension, the pigs must be fed. The over-plotted second act is marginally less gripping than the atmospheric first. But the four actors, who are concurrently playing Jude The Obscure and Private Lives in rep for the Method and Madness company, give first-rate performances under Mike Alfreds's scrupulously detailed direction. Geraldine Alexander's Rose, hoarding ber nest-egg to finance a trip to Oberammergau, shows how religion can turn from genuine consolation into arthritic obsession. Simon Robson's shy William is a walking compen dium of sexual frustration. And Martin Marquez as the de-



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paper for the US entertainment industry. "For purposes of royalty payment," it said, "anyone knowing the where abouts of estate managers / heirs for the following: Art

"By the time I got to placing the advert," Robins says. "I had written maybe a dozen letters to various organisations and experts and made the same number of calls to publi-

agers negotiate an advance of anything from 6 cents to 17 cents per unit sold. In the past eight years while I've been doing this job there's been a media explosion. When I

when you start looking for it. Anybody with information about the estates of those above should call Diamond Time Ltd in New York on 001 212 274 1006.

ready owned America's best-loved hairdo, now has its best-loved bum as well, both hav-

Marie Curie has an estate. Thomas Edison has an estate. You would think someone like Fats Waller would have an estate . . . 'But Waller (far left) doesn't — or at least if he does it is untraceable — and neither does Pete Johnson (above). An estate manager for Art Tatum (near left) was found only after an advertisment requesting information about his heirs was published in the Hollywood Reporter MAIN PHOTOGRAPH M JONES / JACZ RIDEY

MAIN PHOTOGRAPH M JONES / JAZZ NIDE

rare to see a company at work: this one brings to Osment's rural tragedy a genuine sense of theatrical osmosis. In rep at the Lyric Hammer-smith (0181-741 2311) to July 27

ranged Charles and Abigail

Thaw as Shirley are no less

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outstanding. In an age of pro-

Beautiful friendships

Television

Jonathan Romney

RITISH comedy. quite rightly, views peauty with deep suspicion. It sees it as embodying moral vacancy, or even as the result of surgical intervention. Look at poor Patsy on Absolutely Fabulous scarred and tottering after a bout with the cosmetician's knife. Or the current Martini ads, where surgeons wait in the wings to carve lucky punt-

ers into identikit elegant cocktail drinkers. Until recently, American comedy could be relied on to give pride of place to the geeky and misshapen — the more lopsided the grin, the more penatrating the wisecrack, as wil-ness Seinfeld and Shandling. But distressingly, model looks are beginning to go hand in hand with a flair for one-liners Tea Leoni on the new tabloidhack comedy The Naked Truth is a drop-dead combination of wit and beauty, as well as sim-ply being louder than anyone else around, which gives her an alarming edge of Darwin-ian survival frenzy. baseball film with a chimp: and Jennifer Aniston, who al-

Then there are the perfect young things of Friends (C4). I wouldn't want to speculate how they came to have such uniformly pristine cheek-bones, but I'll be watching the Future Fantastic report on cloning with some interest. Friends returned last night in a double helping, simply glowing with success. After the first series went down 50 well, the cast have all been energetically developing their extra-curricular careers. David Schwimmer's film debut featured at Cannes Matt Le Blanc has made a

ing featured on the cover of Rolling Stone. But you can't imagine any of the team making quite the same impact separately. Like a pop group moonlighting on half-baked solo albums. A pop group, rather than a comedy ensemble, is really what they are, all posturing madly around a fountain in the title sequence, like the Monkees on Pro-Plus. But when they're on, they're really on. The show strikes a perfect balance be-tween the deadpan verbals and the subtle exchange of double-takes and dagger looks. Last night, Rachel began by mugging in ditzy overdrive, as if Jennifer Anis-ton wanted to secure her bid to be the next Sandra Bullock;

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but she soon settled into an eloquent repertoire of sneers and eye-rolling directed at her rival, Ross's new girlfriend. Friends is usually adept at avoiding the big Feelings Moment that mars even the sharpest US sitcom - the moment towards the end of an episode when everyone downs tools and emotes cathartically together. But lachrymose buddy-bonding may well be big in this series. After Rachel and Monica tearfully made up last night, we should be pre-pared for a whole slew of hugs all round. That would explain why they're all so comely Frankly, you'd think twice about putting your arms round Frazier or just about anyone who ever appeared on Cheers. The cast of Friends are carefully selected for the huggability factor. But hey,

An utterly untricksy series

mixing interview, analysis, and readings, it wasn't dis-

tracted (like most comparable

TV efforts) by lush vistas and

sweeping panoramas. The real revelation was the series

presenter, Susan Marling.

able with Marling's many

that she sounds disconcert-ingly like Princess Anne.

Here she delivered an exem-

plary script — intelligent, lit-erate, well-written, but al-ways clear and accessible.

Move this woman from Radio 4 to Radio 3 NOW.

By contrast, two of last week's Radio 2 presenters were exorbitantly irritating.

Bryan Forbes, who bosted the network's 90th birthday trib-

ute to Billy Wilder, The Man

Who Made Garbo Laugh. "That was Jack Lemmon, and

this is Bryan Forbes" to his

first-name mateyness (it was

was clear that Forbes himself was going to be at the centre of the programme: he lectured

Lemmon so much that the ac-

sions of assent like "exactly".

ramme threw some interest-

ing light on the great director (Wilder, not Forbes), espe-

tor was reduced to expres-

A pity, because the pro-

cially through Shirley Ma-

Jack this and Jack that), it

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Radio 4 appearances, though

it's not the poor woman's fault

they'll be there for you, and you'll be there for them, and as Phoebe grinned to camera in the self-conscious "previ-ously on Friends" opening se quence — how've you been? The cast of Southern melodrama Savannah (BBC1) look perfect too, which is baffling considering they subsist en-tirely on a diet of pies. The word Savannah rather sug gests a brisk rub-down with a warm, soapy flannel, which is about right. Appropriately, the now-defunct cad Travis hid videos of his extra-marital dalliances behind a trompel'oeil towel cabinet. Not as dumb as it looks. Savannah has a certain self-conscious edge, shall we say. As bad girl Peyton's mom put it, "Being trashy is one thing. Being stupid is something else altogether.

claine and Walter Matthau's

accounts of his insistence on actors as merely programme

French Connections, on the French chanson, was pre-

man, God knows why. At the start it seemed as if this six-

part series was going to be le about the sound of French

popular song and more about Rampling's voice beautiful —

a deep, erotic, self-conscious purr which is curiously unin-

flected: I don't think I've ever

heard someone say "what's fascinating" while sounding

so unfascinated. And the mar vel-at-my-fine-accent way she

pronounced the names of the singers made me irrationally

Apart from this, the first

programme was interesting enough, especially when it se-gued from English renditions of French chansons to the

originals themselves, proving conclusively that the English

should leave searing Gallic

ballads alone and stick to Brit pop. The other chief revela-tion on Radio 2 this past week

has been its new jingles. The

old ones sounded circa 1956,

and as if they could have been

sung by the Beverley Sisters. The new. with a hint of jazz,

and a touch of the TV chat

show, have moved the net-

work smartly into the 1970s.

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conveyors of the script.

Reviews

OPERA li Turco in Italia and **Albert Herring** Garsington

HE wonder of Garsington l is that it might have been invented for opera. This year. whether in Rossini — Il Ťurco in Italia — or in Britten — Albert Herring — the alfresco setting next to the great house seems ideal, and the designs are all the more effective for using virtually no scenery on the existing stage in front of the stable block.

Updatings in both operas are discreet and effective. In the Rossini, directed by Stefano Vizioli, it is specially apt whisking us back to the 1920s when Lady Ottoline Morrell held her salons in this very house. An "anyone for tennis" atmosphere, with costumes and movements delectably m period, works perfectly with this frothy comedy about a Turkish pasha, who falls for the flirtatious wife, of a henpecked old man.

With ensembles predominating over formal arias, this sented by Charlotte Rampling though, apart from the fact that she lives with a French-

POETRY The Last Poets

The Rhythmic, London T'S WELL after midnight and the surviving members of the surviving revolutionary street poetry outfit which helped changed the face of black American music have just come on stage. Umar Bin Hassan has a few words to say before he starts. "I'd just like to thank the Royal Free hospi-tal, which saved my life the last time I must have a my life the

tal, which saved my life the last time I was here, after I'd been attacked. And it was all free. I couldn't understand it. Praise for the NHS may be the last thing you'd expect from the group described by from the group described by ce Cube as "the first real hardcore rappers", but The Last Poets always were an unpredictable and bravely honest bunch. They started out giving free recitals on the street corners of Harlem, a group of protest poets from the ghetto who had first got together on Malcolm X Day in 1968. preaching revolution and black muslum philosophy.

is vintage Rossini, well-suited to a good team of singers rather than a line-up of stars and owing much to the sparkling conducting of Wash Kani. As the flirt, Florilla, Mary Hegarty shines out, a winning minx dashingly confident in her coloratura. In Britten's Albert Herring,

with Stephen Unwin directing and Stephen Barlow conducting, the updating is from Edwardian times to the period of composition in the 1940s. The social barriers so essential to the plot remain believably rigid, with Lady Billows (Pauline Tinsley) as a tweedy county lady, pinched rather than bosomy, bitingly effective as she dictates to her social inferiors. At the bottom of the ladder is Albert from the greengrocers' shop — a perfect, puddingy victim in Jef-frey Lloyd-Roberts's beautifully sung performance. As the lovers, Richard Halton and Claire Henry are also refresh-ingly in character, while the caricature roles are all colourfully taken.

In rep at Garsington (01865-361636) until July 14

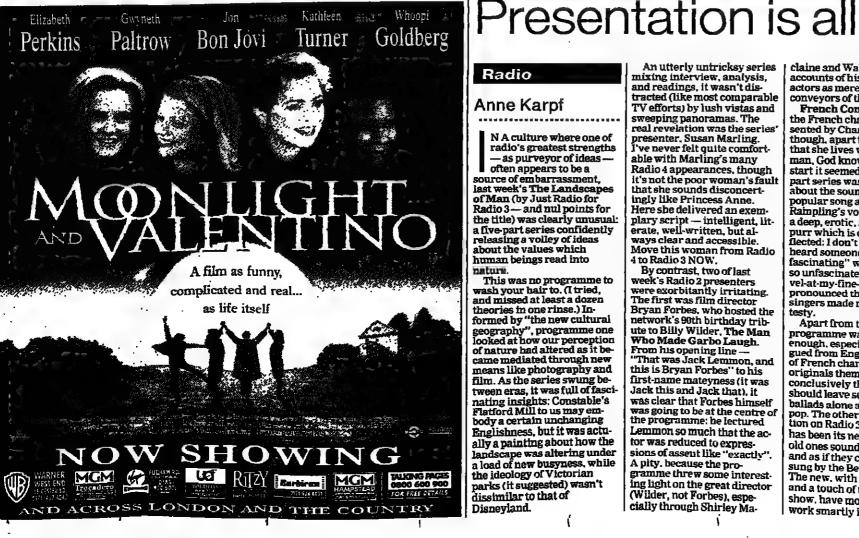
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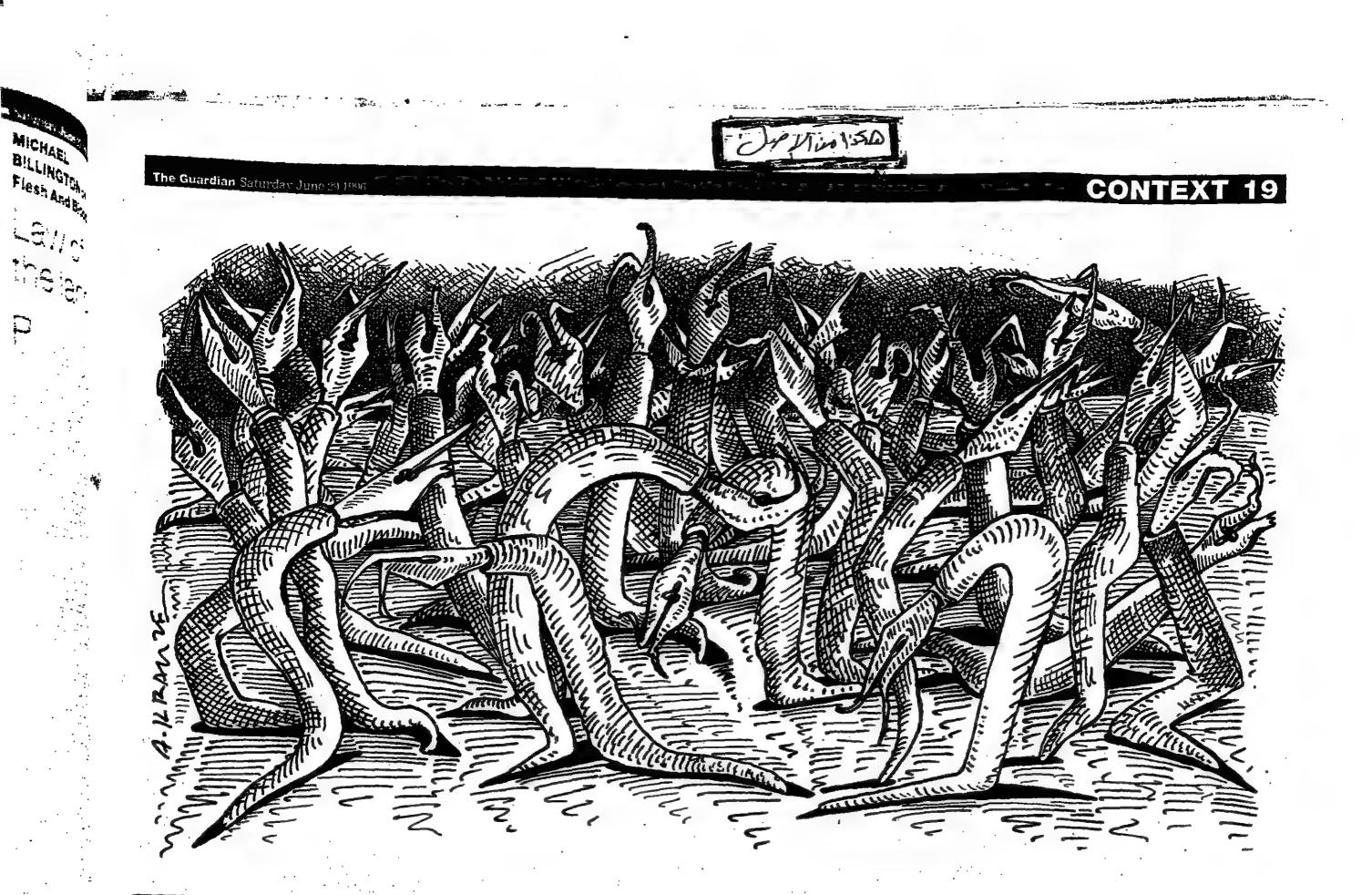
following to their fervent

Edward Greenfield

black support, and in the seventies the stirring mix of spoken word and rhythm from their ever-changing line-up helped lead the way to the whole rap explosion. Neither Umar nor his colleague Abiodun ("Dune") Oyewole were on stage when the Poets played here in the eighties. Both were founder members, but quit after intergroup feuding. Then Dune de-cided to take the revolution a step further, and was convicted for armed robbery, while Umar battled with co-caine addiction. Now they are back with a stirring, acoustic set, taking it in turns to recite, matching the words with chanting choruses, backed by congas and saxophone. It's still a heady mix and far more fluid than much contemporary rap. The lyrics are good, too, with new pieces like the poem dealing with last year's black march in Washington matched against old classics like This Is Madness, deliv-

ered almost as a scream. They still sound dangerous. Robin Denselour





The battle for your bookshelf

JOHN CUNNINGHAM explains why small publishers and new authors are being

You might think it crazy to go against the trend, given that the golden era of the 1960s, when city money wooed publishers with huge offers for take overs of literary houses and Lottery-like ad-

He doubts if any of the small independent publishers have been approached by the chains demanding a bigge discount; and he reckons that the Monopolies and Mergars Commission would be inter-

ested if any such approach

lucrative niches within it. They all have several wheeze which they're coy about revealing, so fierce is the com petition between them. How-

ever, Serpent's Tail is in-volved with an interestin

The firm produces paper-backs; the American crime

Devil in a Blue Dress was suc

writer Walter Mosley (his

co-operation with those chains He's not particularly wor ried about the balance of power being tipped irretriev ably towards the Big Four. Al

pushed aside by the cut-price bestseller

ARNDYCE and Jarndyce would feel at home in an obscure corner of the Low Courts in the Strand where, next week, the legal machine will creak into action to end almost the last vestige of commercial price-fixing. The atmosphere may well be sepulchral and the proceedings redundant: of 70 potential witnesses, only one has decided it's worth turning up; and the issue which the **Restrictive Practices Court** will ponderously probe has

fallen into abeyance anyway You probably thought that the Net Book Agreement and retail price maintenance in publishing had ended with a glorious battle of the books when, before last Christmas, display tables groaned under the weight of discounted best-sellers. Not at all. At the end of September, the Publishers Association announced it was no longer able to enforce the ment after a monumental squabble among its members.

In practice, that marked the end of a system as old as this century which had staidly stopped bookshops offering the kind of best-buy bargains supermarkets brazenly thrive on. It was a ferocious fight, with some publishers and booksellers saying a crippling wound was about to be inflicted; others arguing that to cut out the NBA was the only way to get commercial oxygen into the sclerotic arterles of the book business.

But while the NBA has been buried, there has still to be a legal inquiry into why it should be declared unlawful. and that is why the proceedings, initiated by John Bridge man, Director General of Fair Trading, are dragging through the Restrictive Practices Court. The Publishers Association

has accepted that the NBA is in effect dead, and has nothing to say to the court. Of the 70 firms which, in the heat of the furore, indicated that they would be arguing either for retention or abolition, only John Calder, the distinguished and maverick literary publisher, will be in court

on Wednesday. Calder, fabled champion of authors such as Beckett, Borges, Breton and Burroughs -to go no further than B in his list of eccentric geniuses has . dged a 17-page submission with the court, arguing that volumes from small inde pendent publishers (he's been one for 46 years) are being pushed off the shelves by the discounted juggernaut novels on which the chain bookstores glut themselves.

Calder's will be the lone voice calling for the revival of the NBA, an issue which has

surely now been lodged high up in the League of Lost Causes. Yet, a year ago, many more were arguing that the agreement was one of the pilall over the place." Can he be lars of that small, civilised serious? Surely customers world defined by its enjoyaren't going to be offended? ments of favourite authors But Kerr is guite earnest. We visits to operas and sporting DESCRIPTION & CONTRACTOR 2010 events, and cosy dinner par-ties. Established, trusted mostly heavy book buyers; for the atmosphere — stores make a point of being well-lift names in publishing would disappear; independent local bookshops would vanish, unable to compete with their dis and handsomely laid out; becounting big brothers. Calder's worst-case sce cause the booksellers - "we

don't call them staff" says Kerr — are knowledgable, and nario is that, first, the inde for the huge range of stock. So was public expectation, pendent booksellers will feel the pinch; then even the chains which are now doing informed by the media, wrong well, will find the going more difficult; finally, superin assuming that the ending of the NBA would mean that markets will take over as the big chains would look like book retailers.

Barnes and Noble in the Some would say that's too United States, where discour displays are pushed like a glut of strawberries in a street pessimistic. However, it's true that supermarkets are interested. From the weekly We probably were naive to list of 200 discounted titles, in expect that, says Kerr. "If you thought it was going to be 23 off some titles, that's not our all categories, which appeared in Publishing News on June

getting greedy

particular authors and titles

and to get buyers to try titles they wouldn't usually go for. It's part of the firm's strat-

egy, helped by the NBA going

into abeyance, to have "a more creative approach for marketing books." They talk

7, Tesco stocked 60, Woolworth 45, and Asda 37. Titles way." There are, of course, bargains to-be had, though they're were mostly fiction (but not best-sellers) and leisure arranged to promote books. In contrast, WH Smith stocked 109. Dillons 22, Books Etc 14, Waterstone's 3. In the nine months of the The grumble from possible free-for-all, Calder's fears haven't been proved or the pessimists disproved. What is clear is that the end of the NBA is among the only one of a complex skein of trends and that the interpublishers is that weave of bookselling and pub the chains are

lishing is producing surpris-ing — and resilient — new natterns. The effects of the collapse of the NBA are the subject of a

earch project commissioned by the Book Trust. Dr Frank Fishwick, of Cranfield University, who is doing the study, says: "The NBA is only the most visible and controversial item in the battle between the main chains and the publishers.

the jargon of the American marketing fraternity, so it There's conflict on many helps them "to grow authors other fronts, yet wander into As for the small indepen-dent publishers' fears that a broad band of discounting any of the new book palaces, the branches of Books Etc, Dillons and Waterstone's and you will not be mugged by cut would roll through the bookprice Archers, Coopers, Grisstores, crushing or at least marginalising small firms, hams and Trollopes. Water-Kerr's view is that it's not stone's in Earl's Court Road. happening; "No-one is dis-West London, is typical. A counting hundreds of titles.] skilfull and soothing layout would say that, for a lot of has disarmed determined bar gain hunters before they've oublishers, the good news is had a chance to realise there hat there are now more outlets, with supermarkets stock isn't a fiver off the week's toping books. Our stores have up ten best-sellers. You're deep wards of 60,000 titles." into the carpeted recesses before you come across special offers: a holiday promotion of fering four paperbacks for the price of three: Sarah Dunant, Nicholas Evans, PD James

and David Lodge in a batch of 20 titles, including five children's books. The group's marketing and promotions director, Gordon

Kerr, explains: "We have disonly a stone's throw away counted some books. But you rom the Waterstone's shop in turn your stores into remain Rarl's Court but it's workds er shops if you put stickers

way in attitude. Like John Calder, Owen would sooner the NBA was still in place, but is resigned to doing without it. One result, he says, is that book-shops hold much less stock than they used to, particu-larly from the backlists of books published some time ago but still in print. Even new titles have literally a much shorter shelf-life; some are sold to remaindering firms after only six months. Coupled with this is the tendency for the chains to invest in and promote best-sellers: "They'll go for the garbage," he says disdainfully. As a literary publisher, he yearns to discover a big new talent in fiction, yet he's scornful of almost all submissions from new writers: "Most of the stuff is illine are sibberish. There's no particular fiction market now, except for Archer and Cooper. There is no way you can do the promising novel now; it must have more to recommend it." But there's a flip-side to Peter Owen's pessimism; after all, as he says "we're all op-portunists," and neither he or Calder are bringing out fewer titles this year than the year before, NBA or no NBA. The publishing bonanza of the 1960s is over, but his firm is making some canny accom-modations. He's going into

reference books, a category he's hardly touched until now, on the basis that such titles can have a long life; and he's making sure that American rights — another area of profitability — are available for most books he brings out. Publishers, big and small, and whatever their attitude to the NBA, do all agree that bookshops have become sex-ler emporiums over the last lecade, and they're polling in the customers. The grumble from the pessi

mists among the publishers is that the chains are getting greedy: the standard discount of 35 per cent is being topped by a demand for 50 or 55 per cent on some titles if a big order — hundreds of copies is placed. The big three or four retailers are in a position to call the tune - or one or two of the tunes -- that the publishers have to dence to. But while this has been happening — and this shows the complexities of the book business --- it hasn't topped the emergence of new

Waterstone's confidence that the output from the inde-pendents is still finding a place on its shelves is greeted ceptically by Peter Owen. under whose distinct imprint Paul Bowles, Shusaku Endo,

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Anais Nin and many others have appeared over the last 45 years. Owen's literary lair is

vances to authors, has long finished Even so, that hasn't de-

erred some new ventures from starting. Among them is Stephen Hayward who, after years with Lawrence and Wishart, struck out on his own and founded Serif, going strong with eight titles a year.

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mits: "It would be madness for us to take on a title we thought had no appeal whatever to Waterstope's. But we aren't consciously commissioning books for them either."

valive house, is another inde pendent success whose first decade, just celebrated, paral leis the growth of the big book chains. Publisher Peter Ayreton is pragmatic about the business of co-existing and co operating with the big

booksellers. "While not welcoming the demise of the NBA, we certainly want to thrive in the new environment. I think there will be many more pro-motional opportunities. Book shops will be looking to do themed promotions. And when a new book comes out. they will sell back-list titles at a reduced rate." To coincide with the annual Gay Pride event next month, he points that both Dillons and Waterstone's are mount-

ing displays of gay literature. This is more the way things are going to go. Booksto are going to sell more through focused promotions, but they're going to demand higher discounts, or help with the cost of promotions," says

So to what extent are they beginning to dominate the thinking of small independents (Serpent's Tail produces about 35 new titles a year) and will it ever amount to a tyranny? "They're not saying We're going to stop stocking your books', " says Ayreton. But they are making a point. In the specially-produced retailer's magazines, which contain mini-excerpts from new books designed to attract and inform customers, buying space to mention their books costs publishers thou-

sands of pounds. The good news is that the chains are giving some thought to cultivating not only book-buying as a habit. but are encouraging little

was made, given that the big-gest chains control a big slice of the market. He agrees that Serif, now in its fourth year, was born in the shadow of the cessfully filmed with Denzil rutailers Washington) is one of the stars of its list. A Little Yel-low Dog, another of Mosley's And while those retailers are not influencing what small firms publish, he ad-Easy Rawlins mysteries, is due out here in the autumn, in a paperback edition of 15,000 copies. However, Water-The worst case Serpent's Tail, a small inno scenario is that the supermarkets will be selling so many that they'll dictate what is published

stone's have asked Avreton to sgree to produce a hardback edition — 2,000 copies, each with a bookplate autographed by the author - for exclusive sale in its stores. "For us, it's a very important opportunity to consoli-date our relationship with

them," says Ayreton. "The problem is what the other chains will say; and what the independent booksellers will say." He is prepared to take that risk. With both booksellers and ublishers facing a whole bundle of trends, some of hem apparently in conflict with others, Ayreton is keep ing one eye on the creeping greediness of those chains which screw all they can out of publishers, big and small, but he's also optimistic about

the opportunities for

common for dustjackets and advertisements to be designed to take account of what the major retailers feel will attract customers,

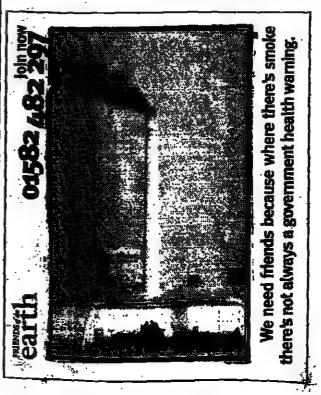
In fact, he says,"There's every reason for chains and bookstores to get involved in the genesis of a book — so long as it doesn't become a case where they say 'We're not stocking this title because we don't like the moral line it takes'. " That's a pious hope in what

is at present the pretty unruly sea of British publishing. In spite of all the financial setbacks and uncertainties, the number of new books (that is both new titles and new editions of already published titles) is projected to rise to over 100,000 for the first time this year.

But you can see what a difficult field it is from figures for 1995 quoted recently in The Bookseller. Last year, the output of fiction dropped by 1.1 per cent, while the really dramatic rises were recorded by art books. which rose by 25.9 per cent and by school text-books, which were up by 25.6 per cent

But the most astonishing increase was in religious pub-lishing: 4.442 titles appeared --- which amounted to a growth of 33 per cent over the previous year.

Why such growth in what is supposed to be a post-Christian country? There's a mys-tery here. (Somebody should write a book about it.) Maybe the fact that publishing throws up such oddities shows that we shouldn't Forry too much about what the doom-sayers predict will happen after the ending of the



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Cubby Broccoli

Giving 007 a licence to thrill

UBBY Broccoli. the producer of the James Bond films who has died aged 87, was sometimes affectionately nicknamed The Godfather. It was mostly taken as a compliment. What was certain was that he was the apparently benign, slow and sure partner in the duo who first brought Ian Fleming's James Bond to the screen in the early 1960s.

Whereas the Canadian Harry Saltzman was small, aggressive, intellectually curious and likely to become bored with any enterprise after a while, the New Yorker of Italian extraction was large, portly, paternal and infinitely natient.

Though he night not have succeeded in making his first Bond. Dr. No. without the partnership with Saltzman who temporarily held the film rights, he remained producer of the Bonds (17 in all) long after Saltzman had got into difficulties over his shareholding in the then troubled Technicolor, forcing him to sell half of the Bond film part-nership. Broccoli's 1982 Hollywood Irving G Thalberg Award for "continued production excellence" was a suitable reward for a handson producer whose maxim was: "I like to be on the set. To me the fun of making a picture is to be where the action is." Other winners of the Award included Alfred Hitchcock, Cecil B De Mille, and Walt Disney. Albert Romolo Broccoli

grew up in the Depression when his civil engineer father had to work as a bricklayer. Broccoli first worked for an uncle. Pasquale de Cicco, who kept a 25-acre farm, on which he introduced broccoli to

Broccoli family name. Cubby had to wash. crate and take vegetables to Harlem markets on a horse cart. Later he worked for a cousin as man-ager of the Long Island Casket Company, makers of coffins. Fleeing from these weighty concerns on a holiday in Hollywood in 1933, he decided that California. and in partic-ular Hollywood. might hold more attractive options. He was soon back there, selling Christmas trees from a street corner caravan, becoming a salesman for hairnets in San Francisco, and working for a Beverly Hills jeweller before getting a job sorting mail at the 20th Century Fox

studios. Broccoli had arrived, even if no one except himself seemed to notice. It was 1941 before he talked his way into becoming assistant director to Howard Hawks on Howard Hughes' production of The Outlow, featuring the busty charms of Hughes' friend Jane Russell. The sturdy Broccoli doubled as Miss Russell's bodyguard. He was not remembered in her autobiography, but the entry of America into the second world war gave him another opportunity to prove his toughness. In the US Navy for four years, he ended up a lieutenant in Special Services. After the war he changed tack and worked for Charles Feldman, one of Hollywood's eading agents. It was one of the routes to power in the film industry. It was becoming increasingly obvious to Broccoli that it would not be easy for him to set up as a pro-ducer in the US, so he came to

America, calling it by the of Oscar Wilde.

W significant meet

Krim took place on June 20, 1961, when the suggested budget of one million dollars for the first Bond film was cut to 800,000 dollars by United Artists. It was to have been Thunder ball, but the rights were in dispute, so they kicked off with Dr No instead. Although a number of well-known directors declined to direct it the film was a smash hit,

partly thanks to the effective ness of Sean Connery as the stylishly ruthless Bond. With the exception of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a Fleming story for children, Broccoli

Britain in 1951, founded Warthereafter concentrated on wick Films with Irving Allen, calling on the services of the the Bond films, whereas Saltz-man made many others. Both

star Alan Ladd — who he had previously represented as an agent — for *Hell Below Zero*, *The Black Knight* and *The Red Beret*. He exploited other con-texts hu schuring Bits tacts by starring Rita Hayworth, Robert Mitchum and Jack Lemmon in Fire Down Down Below, Jose Fer-rer in The Cockleshell Heroes and Peter Finch in The Trials

In 1960 Broccoli split with Allen and, with his share of the business, tried to set up a Bond film. None of the major studios seemed interested uness Broccoli had the rights. At about the same time, Saltz-man had paid Fleming \$50,000 dollars for a six-month option on all Bond stories except the first, Casino Royale, which had been sold to the producer Gregory Ratoff in 1955. Be-cause Broccoli had the ear of Arthur Krim, president of United Artists, Saltzman, who only had 28 days left to run on his option, did a 50-50 deal.

ing between Broc-coli, Saltzman, and

were agreed, when Connery bowed out, that Bond must remain British, telling United Artists firmly that Paul Newman, Burt Reynolds or Steve McQueen really would not do as the essentially British shaken-but-not-stirred agent. Saltzman sold his share

after the ninth Bond, the second to star Roger Moore as 007; but for Broccoli, now on

ners, announced that he would not play Bond again,

his own, the money continued to roll in. Detractors claimed that Bond was increasingly about special effects on screen and money behind it; when Moore wanted much more money for For Your Eyes Only, Broccoli tested other ac-tors behind his back. Moore denounced this as bad man-

highly unusual. After 25 years spent amass-ing a personal fortune of £30 million in Britain, Broccoli went home to Los Angeles in 1977 for tax reasons but con-

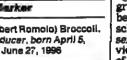
tinued to produce the Bonds. He gave up smoking and gam-bling and spent more time

author Dana Wilson whom he had married in 1959, and his grandchildren. He never spoke of or put on record his first two marriages.

Dennin Gerker

Cubby (Albert Romoto) Broccoil. movie producer, born April 5, 1909, died June 27, 1996

Bonding together . . . Broccoli on the set of the 1985 film A View To A Kill. Behind him is Roger Moore who played 007 then did so for a fee reputed to | with his third wife, the be in seven figures — at a time when such a figure was





Bernard Sendall Behind the TV screen

BERNARD Sendall, who has died aged 83, was a strong, quiet influence in the first 20 years of independent television. As deputy director of the Independent Television Authority (ITA) --later the Independent Broadcasting Authority — he estab-lished relations with the new companies, and the machinery for the ITA to guide programming. He was, behind the scenes, an effective and

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well-loved figure. After joining the civil ser-vice in 1935 he was chosen by Winston Churchill, then First Lord, to be one of his three private secretaries. He was then principal private secre-tary to Brendan Bracken at the Ministry of Information. There he began his associa-tion with Sir Robert Fraser, who valued Sendall's counsel. organisational skill and fluency on paper. In 1949 Sendall became controller of the Festival of Britain, which earned him a CBE before he was 40. In 1955 the ITA was set up and Sendall became deputy to the director general, Sir Rob-ert Fraser, with responsibility for television programmes. On matters of taste, one of the ITA's strengths was that. unlike the Broadcasting Standards Council, it had a duty to accentuate the positive and not merely to eliminate the negative; Sendall would never have arrived at his udements by lying back and

thinking of Finchley. In 1972, after a spendid row about the scheduling of Verdi's Macheth, Sendall won a significant victory. It was agreed that the ITA, with programme controllers, should be involved in planning and scheduling. He robustly represented the ITA's belief that viewers' interests, not those of investors or advertisers, were paramount and while good ratings were desirable they were not all. He once

Sendall's programme division consulted directors and writers to discuss the entire range of programmes, and he and his staff were often seen by programme makers as al-lies in the battle for respect, funds and decent scheduling.





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Now graduates must pass How cowboy firms force low-paid the hardest exam of all into tax nightmare

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NIVERSITY and college terms drew to a close yesterday, leaving students and graduates to face their stiffest test yet - finding a job. New research due to be pub-lished next week by the Midland Bank will show that only 30 per cent of students are con-

fident about getting jobs once fident about getting jobs once Many of the 13,000 graduates and 100 employers attending next week's Recruitment Fair sponsored by the Guardian at the Business Design Centre in London's Islington will also be aware that the most recent survey conducted by the National Union of Students suggests as many as one in five graduates will still be looking for work six months after they have sat their finals.

The increasing burden of debt shouldered by students during their studies makes the pressure to find employment all the greater. Barclays Bank says about 80 per cent of students will have ended the academic year with an overdraft and an average debt level of around £3,000. Some will need to find work to fund summer holidays, while the remainder will be saving up enough cash to see them through the following year.

Whatever the reasons for taking a job, those fortunate enough to find one will be faced with the same queries concerning income tax and National Insurance, Like any one else, students have a personal allowance which permits them to earn up to £3,765 a year tax free. The lowest rate of income tax, 20 per cent, is then levied on the next £3,900 of in-come. After that, a rate of 25 per cent will apply.

In some cases, students may be placed on an emergency tax code and forced to pay tax which then has to be claimed



Tided over ... Four out of five students will end the academic year with an overdraft and many will need to borrow more PHOTOGRAPH: ROGER BAMBE

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butions will have to be paid if your earnings are more than 161 a week. A rate of 2 per cent is charged on the first £61, then an additional 10 per cent on other income up to the current ceiling of £455 a week. Pay-ments will be deducted directly from your earnings.

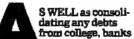
In some forms of casual employment, employers may offer to avoid tax and NIC by paying cash-in-hand. However. students should be warned that this practice is illegal, even though the Inland Revenue

pared to pay more and wish to cancel their plans will be en-

ployer rather than the

the tax direct from you in in-stalments. Revenue leaflet IR58 gives fuller details on the tax position of UK residents working abroad. Graduates, even temporar-

ily unemployed ones, are still valued by banks and most offer loans of up to £5,000 and interest-free overdafts to help graduates during their jobsearch



£37.90 a week as soon as their term has officially ended. Some will also be entitled to housing benefit if they are pay ing rent. In general, students are not eligible for income support or housing benefit while they are on a full-time course, although the regulations do not spell out their definition of full-time. You may be able to claim, however if you are the

parent of a child under 16. If you have dropped out of your course or been dismissed. you will be able to claim bene-

David Brodie EXT time you are asked if you are employed or self-employed, you might respond, godfatherstyle, "Who wants to know?" Although the law says that your status should normally be the same for tax, National Insurance and employment protection purposes, it is often vasanti Patel was an outworker for a small clothing company in Leicester. It deliv-

ered garments to her home, to be "overlocked" on a machine owned and maintained by the company, and then collected by them. She had to sign a document saying she was selfemployed, and the taxman as-sessed her as such. But Mrs Patel appealed to the Commissioners, an independent tribunal, arguing that she was an employee - in

which case the company was responsible for her tax. However, the Commissioners sided with the Revenue, say-ing she was self-employed and must pay the tax assessed. But when the company later stopped supplying ber with work, and Mrs Patel sued for unfair dismissal, an industrial tribunal decided that she had been employed and so was entitled to compensation. Yet this was not the end of

the matter. The Benefits Agency is still reviewing Mrs Patel's application for unemployment benefit. If it agrees that she was employed, she will qualify for benefit. If not, she may receive demands for arrears of class 2 National In-surance contributions (NIC) due in respect of her self-employment

Champa Chudasama, of Leicester Outwork Campaign which has been helping Mrs Patel, observed: "To have the same outworker classified as both employed and self-employed shows what a mess the situation has become, and eaves low-paid workers com-

pletely unclear about their

employment rights, tax, NIC

ter off if treated as employed.

to employment protection (after two years in a job), and



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Confused . . . Vasanti Patel

ployed and, as happened to Mrs Patel, require them to agree to this in writing. In fact, such "agreements" are invalid, as the classification should be determined by the nature of the job. Broadly, if you work under the control of one organisation. using its equipment, then you should normally be classified as an employee for all purposes, regardless of any "agreement" to the contrary. So what should you do if you feel you are wrongly classified as self-employed? One option is to approach the taxman for a ruling. The Revenue pub-lishes a booklet, IR56 Employed or Self-employed? which explains the criteria and invites taxpavers to ask for assistance if in doubt. If the Revenue agrees that you are employed, it may order your employer to operate PAYE and expose you to the risk of losing your job. Should you feel compelled

to comply with your employer's wishes, you must meet all the obligations imposed on the self-employed. These include notifying the tax office and Contributions Agency of your work, keeping records of in-come and business expenses and completing an annual tax return. Tax and NIC payments will also have to be made. And, even then, it is possible that Revenue or DSS It is usually the case that most low-paid workers are betquestions about your work may provoke an investigation of your employer's practices. In an ideal world, the Reve-nue and DSS would have suffi-This way they may be entitled cient resources to enforce PAYE compliance by employers, without relying upon employees risking their jobs. But, in reality, many smaller com-panies ignore the PAYE rules with impunity, as Revenue audits are infrequent and workers do not report cowboy employers for fear of being fired.

back. To avoid the hassle, students who don't expect to earn more than their personal allowance should ask at their local tax offices for form P38(S) and give it to their employer. Earnings should then be paid gross.

If you are starting your first iob after full-time education

office will assume you are entitled to no more than the basic personal allowance and give you the temporary tax code 376L for the current tax year. This ensures your personal allowance is taken into consideration before tax is deducted. However, if you don't fill in

your earnings are likely to exceed £314 a month, the tax out your true tax code, you will also need to fill in form P15 which takes account of other outgoings or allowances you may be entitled to, such as a married couple's allowance, mortgage interest tax relief or pension contributions. Any extra tax deducted in the meantime will be refunded.

mployee. If you are working abroad for the summer, you will probably still have to pay UK tax on your earnings. You will need to give your tax office details of your overseas employment so that it can arrange to collect National Insurance Contri-

will take action against the emwill provide low-rate graduate loans for other items such as a new working ward-robe or a car. Most of the banks

are also willing to extend the interest-free period on overdrafts while graduates find their feet.

Graduates can also sign on for income support of up to

fit from that date. If you are studying part-time, you may be eligible for benefit provided our course lasts no more than 21 hours a week and you are prepared to take a job if a suit-able one comes up.

Money Guardian was edited by Teresa Hunter this week

the employer is responsible for their tax and NIC under the PAYE scheme, which in turn may qualify them for un employment benefit. But for these very reasons — and the extra cost of having to pay employers' NIC many companies wrongly treat their workers as self-em-

and benefits.

Excalibur put to the sword over safety fears

Cliff Jones

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HE holiday plans of tens of thousands of people will be on hold this weekend following the collapse of charter airline Excalibur Airlines.

The sirline, which went into liquidation on Wednes-day, has been hit by a series of safety scares which destroyed consumer confidence. Earlier this month, passengers in Or-lando refused to board one of the airline's DC-10s after see-ing smoke inside the cabin. A second delay occurred just days later in Manchester when the same aircraft was found to have a cracked wind-

screen. Customers who have booked holidays flying with Excalibur should contact their tour operator for a refund or to make alternative arrangements. They should not contact the airline bers. Lib erty World directly. People will not need to alter Travel of Blackpool their plans if bolidays were booked through travel agents and tour operators which are members of trade organisahas already

contacted worried custions such as Air Travel Orgatomers who nisers Licence (Atol) or the Association of British Travel were due to fly on Ex-Agents (Abta). Abta's Keith Betton said that all the travellers who calibur and

booked through its agents will be able to take their holidays Air, to transport them at an extra cost of £35 per person. as planned. The two main Ex-Customers who are not pre-

calibur operators, Globespan and Liberty World Travel, are bound to honour the original titled to a full refund. contracts made when they agreed the sale of the holiday Meanwhile, the future of Excalibur Airlines remains as they are both Abta memuncertain. More than 1,000 sengers are still stranded in Orlando The airline has after they started a holibeen hit by a day booked through Libseries of scares erty World Travel. De-liotte & Touin recent months che, the acarranged for a Belgian carrier, Challenge countancy firm

which has been appointed liquidator for the company, says that the operator has booked an alternative flight to bring

the travellers back to ection 75 of the Consum Manchester. The airline, meanwhile, has

ost more than £1 million and is desperately seeking a buyer so that it can honour the contracts made with passengers. The airline carries more than 3,000 people each week and is fully booked into October. Standards Office or the county courts, which usually take a sympathetic view of travellers Andrew Peters of Deliotte who have saved up for a holi-day only to find the company suggests that a third party may yet save the day. He says: 'I have already been in touch no longer exists. with three companies who want to buy the airline."

In the case of Excalibur, however. Abta says that none of the bookings were made through independents and all tour operators are bound by the rules to offer a full refund Customers who book flights through independent travel agents can rely on their credit cards if an airline or tour operator which does not belong to or arrange for alternative a trade organisation goes bust. transport.

Credit Act 1974 states that the card supplier is liable if the retailer ceases trading before the goods are supplied. People who paid by other means can pursue claims To advertise in through their local Trading

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British traders face class action, report PATRICK DONOVAN and MARK TRAN in New York



Fingered . . . Charles Vincent is among those named in 'class action' complaint

Winchester is sued in US

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Commodities. the Britishbased trading concern owned by Charles Vincent and Ashey Levett, faces US legal action over the company's al-leged involvement in the multi-billion-dollar Sumitomo fraud, according to docu-ments drawn up by Wall Street lawyers.

Winchester has been named, along with Sumitomo and its "rogue trader" Yasuo Hamanaka and the US trading

concern Global Minerals and Metal Corporation, as a defen-dant in a "class action complaint" by a Connecticutbased investor.

The document also named personally Ashley Levett and Charles Vincent, Winches-ter's two shareholders who earned around £15 million the company's last reported filed in the US District Court in New York.

The new action is being taken on the grounds that Mr Westfried believes he paid

"artificially high prices" for deals he made in copper fu-tures contracts on the New According to legal papers drawn up by the US legal firm of Lovell & Skirnick, the York Mercantile Exchange. He accused the defendants of being involved in "manipu-

lation" of the market. A large part of the wording of the document is identical to that contained in the original class action from Mr Zuccarelli, which was also prepared by lawyers Lovell & Skirnick. Copper prices surged on the London Metal Sxchange yesterday. Dealers said that 75,000 tonnes of the metal passed through one ring

dealer which they assumed was largely on behalf of funds who had gone short of the market at higher price levels. Sumitomo announced yes terday that allegations of a

'Perks row' Grid to give Lonrho splits from

Rowland.

the three new units.

chief trader, and Chinese gov-ernment-backed companies would be a "key issue" in the probe into \$1.8 billion losses from unauthorised business. It added that it was planning to meet financial regulators to discuss the affair.

It is well known throughout the market that Chinese trad-ers lost as much as \$250 million during 1993, although this debt has now largely been repaid. Experts say the Japa-nese company still has more than one million tonnes of cop-per on its books, according to the well respected Macquarie Equities commodity report.

The report said there was still speculation that the company might control "hidden stocks of between 300,000 and 250,000 tonnes which were held on consignment by trad-

globe". It said that "with a large long position still out-standing and hidden stocks apparently at large, prices could move sharply in either direction".

The paper-trail search for an executive aircraft, call sign GB-FIB, appears to have come full circle to companies origi-nally being investigated in Guernsey. Those close to the British end of the investiga-tion into alleged copper fraud believe that the ultimate owners of the aircraft could

help in their inquiries. However company searches show that a trail of interlinked companies stretches back from the Isle of Man to City Gate Trust and Centau Financial Services, two of the companies being investigated after a police raid of Guernsey offices on May 11.

climb and then changes its mind. But nothing occurring at Lonrho under its former chief, Tiny Rowland, or Dieter Bock, his successor, should surprise anyone. Strip away the manoeu-vring, however, and Lonrho Mining becomes an essen-tially technocratic operation. with some valuable properties such as the Ashanti gold stake. all of which has tallen under the spell of the Angle-Ameri-

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on own resources

Edited by Alex Brummer

HE powerful effort by World Bank president James Wolfenson Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and President Chirac, chairof the mining interests. Tough anti-trust laws in South Af-rica may stop Anglo buying the whole of Lonrho Mining. man of the Lyon summit, to bring multilateral debt relief to the world's poorest

to the world's poorest countries appears to have ended in failure. The G7 communiqué sug-gests that Chancellor Kohl and the German economic team in Lyon have shown the same indomitable spirit in blocking IMF gold sales as the national

football team has demon-strated over the last month. The German action in opis that Lonrho spent quite so much (£250 million) buying out the Gadafy stake. If this posing up to \$2 billion (£1.3 billion) of IMF gold sales will no doubt be seen in some proves to be a correct valuation, then it might well be a hidden jewel in the business quarters as destructive of the which justifies the interest in interests of some of the world's poorest nations, from the shares. That leaves Lonrho's other Uganda to Cote d'Ivoire. Cer-tainly, it will delay the pro-cess of relieving them of a deb assets, largely consisting of trading companies and farm-ing across Africa, looking like burden which drains funds orphans. They were the core of Tiny Rowland's original vifrom health and education. The truth is, however, that the sion. Intriguingly, Anglo may leapfrog Lonrho Mining and snap up Lonrho Africa, which IMF contribution to the debt relief scheme, estimated ini-tially at around \$500 million,

was poorly designed. The IMF had sought to ex-ploit the political goodwill for debt relief to sell its own plans of the rest of Africa. for replenishing concessional credits — the Enhanced Struc-tural Adjustment Facility (Esaf). Mr Clarke's proposal for gold sales, initially opposed inside the IMF. was eventually seen as way of killing two birds with one stone. But the two issues should never have been linked. The IMF. like the World Bank, generates income and surpluses from its lending to developing countries. The World Bank accounts for these sums as would an ordinary public corporation, through transparent profit-and-loss ac-counts. At the IMF, surpluses are more difficult to discover.

The German decision may force the IMF to scour inner reserves, in the manner of the World Bank, to establish a trust facility for repayment of lateral debt. The IMF became a lender to the third world when it made soft loans to Africa and else-where. Having drifted into development territory, it now has a duty to help sort out the

require gold sales.

The IMF should also be

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Wake-up call

➤ OME of the buzz has Sgone out of the mobile phone business since the successful float of Orange earlier this year, despite the huge growth rates predicted for the

can mining conglomerate. This is convenient in terms of access to production and

marketing expertise, but might make it more difficult eventually to realise the value

although if push came to shove, Anglo could pass on the platinum interests and instead go for gold and coal. Now that Libya has been

removed from the share regis-

ter, the hotels are more easy to dispose of. The surprise here

next few years. At first glance it seems the four UK operators — Vodaone. Cellnet, Orange and Mercury One-2-One -- can only go from strength to strength. The number of mo-bile phone users is forecast to rise from five million at present to 12 million or 15 million by the end of the decade.

But, as expectations have risen, competition has intensi fied and charges have edged downwards. Securicor's recent warning about lower than expected profits from it

action is being taken by Benja min Westfried, who is be-lieved to be a wealthy private investor. The action represents the econd legal proceeding to be launched in the wake of the huge losses announced by Su-mitomo earlier this month. Late last week a similar class action complaint against Su-mitomo, Global Minerals and

apiece in a year, according to accounts. The action has been A spokesman for Winches-

Birch Brokerage, a US trading house, was launched by a trader. Vincent Zuccarelli, although this did not name Winchester,

ter last night said the legal

trading cartel involving Ya-suo Hamanaka, its disgraced

directors free shares

Chris Barrie

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COMPANY at the centre of one of the fierces controversies over "fat cat" pay packages is planning to award free shares to directors and introduce a share option scheme that could alone be worth £800,000 to one of its top executives this year. The National Grid is asking

investors to approve a "share matching scheme" which allows directors to use bonus payments to buy shares which are then matched by the company and handed over after three years' service.

These disclosures come in the Grid's annual report to shareholders, the first to be published since the Greenbury report on boardroom ex-cess which was provoked by pay-and-perks packages at the Grid and other utilities.

The report, published yesterday, reveals that chairman David Jefferies' three-day week brings in more than

£370,000 in fees and pension

payments, compared with his pay of £334,000 last year when he was full-time chairman. A generous share option cheme is being planned by the Grid for its struggling tele-coms subsidiary, Energis, Executives will be awarded options on shares to the value of four times annual earnings in the case of the chief executive. and up to three times earnings for other senior executives. Mike Grabiner, who be-

came Energis's chief executive five months ago, will receive options worth £800,000 this year provided he meets performance targets.

The Grid will create an internal market for the Energis shares because the company, which made an operating loss of £73 million last year, is not publicly quoted.

A similar internal scheme operated at the Grid before its flotation last November, giv-ing rise to flerce controversy when it emerged that its direc tors stood to make huge windfall gains as part of the compa-

ny's move to a public quotation. The annual report disclose that Mr Jefferies saw his remuneration lifted by a £73,000 bonus to £334,000 last year — just one element of a total remuneration package

worth nearly £1.5 million. Mr Jefferies emerges as a millionaire on paper with a £639,016 shareholding in the Grid and executive share op tions which are worth a further £466,599.

He shot to prominence last year when he incurred ministerial displeasure for refusing to return windfall gains at the height of public unease over boardrom pay. Mr Jefferies has since stepped down to a three-day week, for which he is paid £151.800 as well as drawing his pension, thought

to be about £220,000. Chief executive David Jones received a 33.7 per cent rise in basic pay to £250,000 as compensation for "extra duties". Last year he was paid £248,000, including a £53,000 bonus and benefits.

ish Airways, have been fish-

ing for contracts at the Indonesia Airshow 96 in Ja-

karta this week. During a visit to the show.

Defence Secretary Michael Portillo said: "We are very

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to be finalised, but it is thought Hotels will be floated HE Lonrho trading empire yesterday un-veiled a blueprint for first, with Africa following by breaking itself into three parts and bringing down the end of this year. Original plans, announced the curtain on the era of forin January, were for a conven tional demerger of Lonrho into mining and non-mining mer chief executive Tiny interests, each with a separate quote. Yesterday Mr Bock said such a move had been found to This triggered immediate speculation about possible bidders for pieces of the demerged group. Chief executive Dieter Bock looks set to return to his propcarry "significant tax and other commercial disadvan-tages" and had been shelved in erty roots, coming out of the favour of flotation of the nonupheaval with effective con-trol of Lonrho Hotels, one of mining operations. With the South African industrial group Anglo Ameri-He will have no role in Loncan holding a direct 9 per cent Lonrho stake with an option rho Mining, the group's over a further 18 per cent,

Rowland legacy

three will go. DAN ATKINSON reports

£1 billion core. Instead, Mr Bock will stay with the third of there are suggestions Lonrho Mining will effectively come the spun-off operations, Lonrho Africa, which will hold the grab-bag of trading and farmunder Anglo's control. But competition law in ing interests collected by Mr South Africa and elsewhere

may mean that Anglo would Plans for the split have yet have to divest itself of Lonr-

Blueprint for demerger shows how one into | bo's platinum interests before being allowed to take charge, leaving itself with Lonrho Mining's stake in the Ashanti mine and its own gold and coal operations.

An alternative may be for Anglo to buy Lonrho Africa, whose trading and agricul-tural activities may be more home within the sprawling Anglo combine than anywhere else.

Lonrho buried another piece of the Rowland legacy yesterday — his controversial March 1992 sale of one-third of Lonrho's Metropole hotel company to the Libyan Arab Foreign Investment Company (Lafico) for £177.5 million. Lonrho has now paid Lafico about £251 million for return of the stake. Its three-way split was an-

Bock reshuffle nounced along with half-year profits broadly as expected. Pre-tax profits were £58 mil-lion in the six months to the Sceptics might wonder about the integrity of a company which an nounces plans to spin off its end of March. Operating profits from mining dropped most desirable assets, about 2 per cent from last time watches the share prices to £41 million.

40 per cept stake in Cellnet is a timely dose of reality. The four operators will now

have to look out for more lowprofile competitors anxious to cream off some of their lucrative business revenue. The Government has

burden by prepayment of cer-tain debts from its reserves, awarded licences for digital irrespective of German reservations. But this does not mobile radio services to National Band Three (NB3) and Tetralink Telecommunjcations, creating new opportuaware of the dangers if it does nities for companies being of-fering limited analogue not join in the Lyon plan for improved debt relief. Like the services to closed user groups. such as road haulage compathe target of heavy campaignnies and taxi firms. organisations, which have the capacity to make life very dif-ficult on Capitol Hill for multi-

NB3, for example, believes that it will now be able to cre-ate "the fifth national digital network", although it will continue to concentrate on sectors such as transportation, construction and sales.

Digital technology will enable operators such as NB3 to tailor services to suit a wider range of business customers in packages which it believes will be financially more attractive than those offered by the public mobile phone network operators.

The big four cannot afford to lose too many of their corpo-rate customers; business traffic accounts for the bulk of their profits.

US deals foulard blow to Como

Gregory Yiscusi in Milan

TALIAN designers are up in arms over a US law that will force them to label their products "Made in China" even though they are designed, cut, printed and sewn in Italy's "silk city" of Como. The legislation, which takes effect on Monday, is besed on the foot that the

based on the fact that the foulard and scarf-makers of Como import 95 per cent of their raw silk from China.

The Italian Silk Association says about 225 billion lire (£97 million) of exports to the US could be affected. Silkmaking employs

about 30,000 of Como's 85,000 residents. The law, which puts the

Uruguay round of trade talks into US legislation. will have the effect of aiding China at a time when US trade sentiment towards that country is deeply bostile

'It will help the Chinese enormously, because Amer-

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ican consumers will see something made with a

sometrung mane with a quality that the Chinese are not capable of achieving, and they are going to see 'Made in China' on it," said Ernesto Fugazzola, chief executive officer of Ratti, Italy's largest quoted silk com-pany. "This is going to cause an enormous problem of image for us."

The other worry for the Italian producers is that they will be caught in the middle if US-Chinese disagreements turn into a trade war. The Italian government

has protested to the US De-partment of Commerce, so far to no avail. The new law asserts that

the country of origin for a fabric should be where it is woven, not where a design is printed on it. Italian silk ties and clothing will con-tinue to have "Made in Italy" on them because enough cutting, folding and

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stitching takes place there for them to qualify as Italagreed to buy more Hawk fighters. He said: "A deal bas ian products. - Bloomberg been struck but it is up to the

British firms rush into the arms of Indonesia Indonesians to announce its

John Aglionby in Jakarta details."

Rowland.

Indonesia has yet to an-nounce anything, but in April the head of Indonesia's air force, Air Marshal Sutria Tu-BRITISH companies are queuing to supply Indo-nesia's armed forces bagus, said the deal might in-clude as many as 20 Hawk-100 with their aerospace needs, despite fears among human rights groups that the technol-ogy will be used to suppress internal unrest. two-seat trainers and Hawk-200 single-seat lightweight fighters. Both aircraft have Backed by the RAF's Red air-to-air and air-to-ground capabilities. Arrows aerobatics team and a

Three years ago, Indonesia bought 24 Hawks from British one-off visit by Concorde, two dozen British firms, including Aerospace in a sale rumoured to be worth more than British Aerospace, Rolls-Royce, GEC Marconi and Brit-£500 million. The first three aircraft arrived in Indonesia

last month. In meetings with Indone-sia's President Subarto and his ministers, Mr Portillo also discussed sales of GKN Westland's Super Lynx maritime patrol helicopter to the Indosupply equipment to the Indo-

nesian navy. Dave Hassan, GKN West-land's international sales manager, said: "The Super British Aerospace is lead-ing the way. A BAe spokesman at the airshow confirmed yes-Lynx is a multi-purpose helicopter that can be used for anti-submarine and anti-surface patrols, economic exclu-

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sion zone policing and over-the-horizon targeting. However, it has no role in implementing internal security policy. He refused to speculate

about how large any order might be, but of Indonesia's fleet of eight 40-year-old Wasp helicopters only three are operational

According to local and in-ternational human rights groups, weapons bought from British firms have been used to quell unrest, particularly in East Timor, the former Portuguese colony which Indonesia invaded in 1975 and annexed as its 27th province a year later.

Dave Gordon. of the Minis try of Defence's Defence Export Services Organisation, said Indonesia was not classified as a threatening nation and Jakarta had passed "the stringent clearances applied

by London". He added: "Different countries are organised in different ways, and you have to respect the way people run their own countries."

Welsh ostrich firm in sand Another ostrich company

News in brief

faces being wound up by the DTI. The High Court has ap-pointed the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator to the Way Volume Volum the Wye Valley Ostrich Company pending a court hearing on July 31. The company has, since October 1995, traded from Rhayader in Wales. Earlier this month the Ostrich Farming Corporation was wound up. At that time Mr Justice Lightman spoke of a "fashionable device for the fleecing of investors".

Pots for pans

Le Creuset, the upmarket pois and pans manufacturer, has accepted an of er from Cliden, the holding company of its chairman. Paul van Zuydam. valuing the group at £39.1 mil-lion. The news came as Le Creuset announced a fall in pre-tax profits from \$3.2 mil-lion to £963,000.

Casino double-up

Planet Hollywood International has formed a joint venture with ITT to spend \$1.3 billion (2844 million) in opening Planet Hollywood ca-sino hotels in America. on utility mergers Sarah Whitebloom

OFT backs ban

AN Long, the Trade and Industry Secretary, yesterday found a lone voice of support for his decision to block mergers between the big generators, National Power and PowerGen, and two regional electricity companies. While announcing that 1995

saw the largest number of mergers since the peak of the 1980s, John Bridgeman, the Di-rector General of Fair Trad-ing, said he did not find Mr Lang's decision to show the Lang's decision to stop the

Lang's decision to stop the power deals baffling. Industry experts were stunned when Mr Lang banned the mergers in the face of a Monopolies and Merg-ers Commission (MMC) report which said they should

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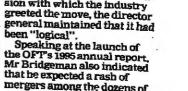
go ahead. And analysts puz-zled over why Mr Lang should block the takeovers when Scottish Power, which is a generator, was allowed to buy. Manweb, a distributor. Mr Bridgeman said he was

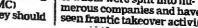
not surprised by Mr Lang's decision. And, despite the confu-sion with which the industry greeted the move, the director general maintained that it had been "logical".

mergers among the dozens of newly privatised rail compa-nies. This would follow the pattern set by the electricity, water and bus industries — all of whom were split into numerous companies and have



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G7 SUMMIT in LYON Leaders 'fail world's poor'

Japan and Canada urged to cut tariffs to Third World

Richard Thomas Economics Correspondent

APAN and Canada were singled out yes-terday as having particularly low imports from poor countries and were urged by the European Union to slash tariffs on goods imported from the developing world to allow them to trade their way out of pov-

erty. After the failure of talks on the sale of IMF gold for debt reliaf to produce a firm commitment from G7 leaders. European Commission presi-

dent Jacques Santer warned that the failure of poor countries to benefit from globlisation could undermine the

the Commission's delegation free trade agenda. said: "The Canadians and Jap There are some countries anese are the worst culprits. imply stuck at the bottom of

They need to do more to use trade to help these countries. the heap," a Commission spokesman said. "If we are to "We want them to lower or push on with the liberalisaeven abolish their tariffs on tion, they have to be brought on board. That was our mesgoods from specific countries

- which is permitted under World Trade Organisation Although Mr Santer admitted the EU needed to cut barri-With aid agencies condemn-

series of private meetings be

ers to import goods from poor ing the lack of concrete action nations, he singled out Japan and Canada as having particuon Third World debt, Chancel-lor Kenneth Clarke put a larly low levels of imports brave face on the failure to from poor countries. After a force through the British-

backed gold sales initiative and pledged to keep pushing the plan at the auturun meet-Ings of the IMF. Mr Clarke said yesterday: "Everyone agrees on the need

for that greater ... conces-sionality in lending ... It is plain as a pikestaff that gold sales will be accepted." sales will be necessary." Treasury officials talked up

tween the Commission and G7 members, a senior member of hopes of a commitment before the end of the year - pointing to a call in the G7 economic communique, published yes-terday, for the IMF to "optimise its reserve manage-

ment Insiders said this was diplomatic code for action. because 90 per cent of the fund's assets are held in gold. With six out of seven leaders now supporting the policy, they said some progess later in the year was Imost certain.

But lobby groups said the summit had produced little for the world's poorest countries.

Andrew Simus, a spokesman rica -- and promote private for Christian Aid, said yestersector and export-oriented acday. "This is another case of all words and no deeds. Presitivity. Commission officials said

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An American in Lyon holds court at the Hotel de Ville

Pressure groups were disap

pointed by G7 calls for credi-

tors to adopt a more flexible approach to writing off the

debt overhang from debtor

But G7 leaders promised

boosting the export potential of poor countries had to be dent Chirac billed this sum-mit as a landmark in relations between rich and poor supported by lower barriers to the rich markets of the North. nations By those standards it has been an abject failure." And Mr Mayo gave a cautious welcome to the EU campaign Ed Mayo. director of the New Economics Foundation, on trade. said: "Debt has been on the

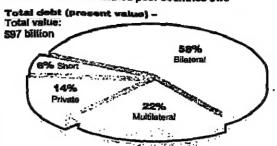
"They are a step towards greater equity - although tar communique of every summi iffs are a pretty crude instru-ment," he said. He endorsed Mr Santer's view that political support for since 1983. This is probably the first one which amounts to

free trade was being damaged by the plight of many impover-ished countries.

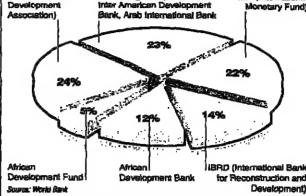
Commission insiders said that opening up the European nations only on a "case by case market to raw materials could provide a back door into the politically-sensitive area of reforming the Common Agri-cultural Policy, which promore action by next autumn and urged donor countries to focus their lending and aid on tects farmers from cheaper the very poorest countries especially in sub-Saharan Afimports.

In the red

What the 20 most indebted poor countries owe



MultiLateral debt - Total value: \$21.4 billion IDA (International Others (eg. Europaan Union, IME (Inter



Summit backs political reform in Russia

lan Black Diplomatic Editor

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7 LEADERS expressed strong support for polit-ical and economic reform in Russia amidst private warnings that a reelected Boris Yeltsin may run

a more nationalist and assertive foreign policy than before.

"We support Russia's on-going political reform and its commitment to democracy." said last night's economic communique. "Economic and political reforms are mutually reinforcing and position Russia to play a more significant role in the global economy." Mr Yeltsin stayed in Mos-

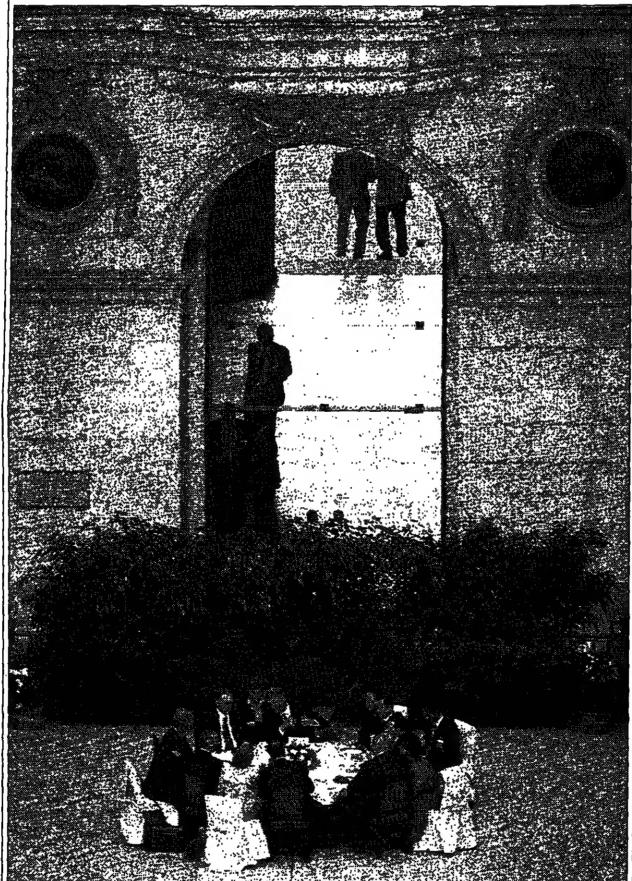
cow because of next Wednesday's second round of the presidential elections and was represented here by the prime minister, Victor Chernomyrdin, in the G8 forum, where

saying its proper place was in political consultations on global issues, not yet in the financial and economic forum

of the rich nations. Diplomats warned that even If Mr Yeltsin was re-elected. western countries would have to tread carefully with a government which included the hardline Russian foreign minister, Yegveny Primakov, and General Alexander Lebed. "We will need to be more

vigilant, especially if there is too direct a Russian political imperium over the CIS states or too close a military relationship," said one offi-cial. "That could set back the gains of recent years."

G7 countries are concerned over Mr Yeltsin's tough military action in rebel Chechnya and fear that Russian economic reforms are running out of steam. They also worry about Russian attitudes to the expansion of Nato and arma



Clinton takes flak over ban on Cuba trade

US allies exert pressure to stop law hitting foreign firms, reports LARRY ELLIOTT

RESIDENT Clinton was under mounting pres-sure last night to amend America's controversial anti-Cuba trade laws, so that firms from western countries are spared from sanctions. The communiqué from the Group of Seven summit in Lyon underlined the anger among the United States' lead-ing allies at the Helms-Burton bill, which targets foreign executives and companies which deal with the Castro regime.

Despite resistance from the White House, the 17-page doc-ument attacked unilateral action and stressed that the World Trade Organisation should settle disputes. Sir Leon Brittan, the Euro-pean Commission vice-presiresponded to a "muffled but a very sharp rap on the knuckles". The communique said the G7 reaffirmed its "commitment to working to strengthen the confidence in and credibil-ity of the multilateral trading system" by avoiding measures that would be in contra-diction of WTO rules and other international codes. It added that established proce-dures should be used to settle disputes and for consultation. In public, the Clinton team was maintaining its tough line on trade sanctions, using the Saudi Arabian bomb as justic cation both for targeting Havana and for the possible widening of the net to include Libys and Iran. Privately, however, Mr Clinton and senior members of his cabinet are strongly opposed to Helms-Burton being used to hit G7 countries, and there was speculation in Lyon that he would find a way of waiving the action. Jacques Santer, the Euro-pean Commission president,

r over the dast 14 months, adding that move-ments on the foreign exchanges had improved the prospects for sustained growth. G7 nations accepted Britain's proposal that multilat-Privately, the President is against the bill being used to hit G7 countries eral institutions should clamp down on aid and export credits being used for arms sales. Finance ministers asked for more work to be done on another UK initiative - appointing a lead regulator for multinational financial institutions to ensure a speedy response to future Barings or Sumitomo-style crises. A report will be prepared for next year's summit in Denver. The communique expressed concern at the way in which the creation of tax havens was said: "The G7 has given an unambiguous signal that go-it-alone tactics are not the way creating "harmful tax compe-tition between states, carryto settle one's trade problems.' The communiqué stressed ing risks of distorting trade that trade liberalisation was and investment and [which] could lead to the crosion of the cornerstone of the globalnational tax bases". It looks to the OECD to come isation process, and stressed that the outlook for the

However, it added that some difficulties lie ahead public deficits and debt remain too large and national savings too low, memployment is still unacceptably high in many countries and despite all the progress al-ready achieved in the area of structural reforms, our economies are not yet as resilient and adaptable to changes as

they should be". As has been the case for at least the past decade, the G7 said economic policy would "continue to be directed at sustaining non-inflationary growth", calling this a "vital prerequisite to the creation of jobs and bringing down unemployment". The summit declaration welcomed the rise in the value

cussed.

Without overtly endorsing Mr Yeltsin against Communist challenger Gennady Zyu-ganov, G7 leaders called for full implementation of economic reform, saying private investment required "a reliable economic, legal and administrative environment".

But the summit bost. French president Jacques Chirac, said there was no question of admitting Russia as a full member of the G7,

well as arms control agreements, Some members, especially Germany and Italy, would be happy to give Russia a bigger in the G7. But Japan, Canada, Britain and the US are wary of letting Moscow join discussions on currencies and interest rates - markets which see turnoil in Russia

as a disruptive influence rather than viewing it as a partner with something to

Yeltsin's absence prompts new election health scare

David Hearst in Moscow

HE failure of Boris Yeltsin to appear at a scheduled meeting with farmers yestsr-day prompted a fresh health scare, which set nerves jangling in the run-up to the second round of presidential elections next week.

His press secretary, Sergei Medvedev, claimed Mr Yeltsin - absent from Lyon because of "campaigning commit-ments" --- had lost his voice through giving too many in-terviews, but maintained the president was "fine and healthy" and actively engaged

in work. Mr Yeltsin, who was look-ing weak and tired at the end

of his last trip to Kaliningrad, has cancelled his remaining trips and stayed in Moscow, where tanks have been seen moving inside the Kremlin. His stamina has once again become an election issue. After the Russian president again refused a live television debate, Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist challenger, hit back: "I said long ago that his state of health is far from the best and cannot be good considering that he spent five months last year in a hospital

bed.' The latest opinion poll con-ducted by the Public Opinion Foundation gives Yeltsh 50 per cent and Zyuganov 46 per cent, with 4 per cent against both.

Round table . . . President Clinton speaks informally to fellow leaders at the Hotel de Ville PHOTOGRAPHEMICHAEL BULLE

Food, glorious food, eases the diplomatic channels

Lyon sketch: lan Black

LOBALISATION Was Cathe main item on the agenda but the menus were all relentlessly French — yet almost every-one in Lyon was too sated to complain about the gastronomic Gaullism. As the first full day of the

summit got under way, international terrorism was pushed aside in favour of the more conventional G7 issues of debt, trade and flnancial reform, but the talk kept coming back to food. **Bill Clinton and Helmut** Kohl, famously hearty eaters, were said to be savouring the cuisine — dinner last night was at the legendary Léon de Lyon (two stars in

the Michelin guide). John Major reportedly enjoyed his saumon fumé and canard, and looked relaxed, finally clear of the maladie de la vache folle that has clouded his recent trips abroad.

A potentially embarrassing row over sanctions against Cube and Iran, with European business folk fac- | man, though an early lunch

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Paul Bocuse - proved more diverting than the leaked draft of the summit's ecoing trouble in the US courts, came out as smooth as fole grus in the final 17-page eco nomic conclusions that was beginning to circulate. pomic communiqué. Lunch, on both summit days, was at the famous Tête traction from the business

of setting the world to d'Or restaurant, although rights. Access to the press accreditation tent was conthe sumptuousness was trolled by a team of young women offering trial runs spread far and wide.

Breakfast for some of the diplomats and 2,500 journalists in tow turned out to be a delicate affair after the excesses of the previous evening, yet by mid-morn-ing the gravy train was rolling again at the Palais de Congrès, a complex of highsecurity marquees and high-ceilinged halls on the banks of the Rhone.

"Heads" — as the summit sherpas call their prime ministers and presidents were talking gold, employment and trade, but in the espace de dégustation (testing area). generous portions of France's finest cheeses, sausages and Beaujolais were

on offer. Jacques Chirac was deemed an effective chair-

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in a revolutionary battery-- dominated by a live dempowered Peugeot, gliding silently — a dodgem withonstration by master chef out the screams - along the security perimeter.

And there was an embarrassing richness of free gifts -- not only the obligatory Food was not the only dispublications about investing in Lyon but also briefcases, pens, CDs, watches and umbrellas, with a book of local menus a clear favourite.

Officials, who spent an es-timated £4.5 million preparing for the summit — Lyon is France's third-larg-est city and some say its richest - insisted they had taken to heart criticism that the G7 had become too

lavish in recent years. The view has been gatherng force since François Mitterrand hosted a glittering event at Versailles in 1982 and Ronald Reagan did

likewise at colonial Williamsburg a year later. After the latest jambored - where the poor and une ployed of the rich world were out of sight and almos out of mind — Lyon will not be forgotten quickly in the corridors of power.

Inflation may be going down and trade flows up in the leading industrial econo mics — but cholesterol level are certainly on the rise.



up with a set of proposals for collective action by 1998.

Summit in brief

world economy was prom-

French GDP likely to grow by 2pc

THE French GDP is likely to be growing at an annual rate of 2 per cent by the end of 1996, bringing growth for the year up to 1.3 per cent after a slow start, statistics office Insee said in a quarterly report on the economy. The government's official GDP forecast is 1.3 per cent, while the OECD last week put French growth at just 1 per cent this year.

Meanwhile, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 12.4 per cent in May from a revised 12.3 per cent in April. The number of registered unemployed "immediately available" for work rose 28,000 to 3,168,000. — Extel

Record jobless in Japan

JAPAN'S unemployment rate rose to a record 3.5 per cent in May. boosted by young people who have failed to land jobs after leaving school in March. The Nikkei stock index fell after the jobless figures were released, and was down 2.83 yen to 22,498.79. The news casts a shadow over signs that Japan's economy is begin The unemployment rate among men and women aged 15 to 24 remains at 7.1 per cent. The report showed a growing number of unemployed in their late 20s and early 30s. Among those aged 25 to 34, some 4.2 per cent were without jobs. - Bloomberg

Rates hope lifts Euro bonds

EXPECTATIONS that US and Japanese interest rates will not be raised soon lifted Buropean bonds and sent the dollar to a 22-month high against the yen yesterday. Stocks rose, too, as the stronger dollar helped exporters such as Germany's Siemens AG and Sweden's Ericsson AB. — Bloomberg

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KEITH HARPER joins Richard Branson on Virgin's politically charged inaugural flight to the US capital



'Richard can't survive on his own, but he'll get the best deal for us if he has to sell out' Virgin employee

Flying visit . . . Richard Branson used Virgin's first landing at Dulles Airport to protest against the BÅ and American Airlines alliance HOTOGRAPH: RICK T. WILKIN

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Show time in Washington

ICHARD Branson hit Washing-ton on Thursday with a colourful uncle Sam out-fit, smart broques and a bad banio band which plonked its way round

ain's favourite airline and American Airlines dominance of the lucrative North Atlantic route, with more than twothirds of the traffic. According to one senior air-line official here, the move has caused "a hue and a cry' among other American carricarrier of last resort for business trav

'Agony airline' is healthy enough to thrive without BA

ler and it exudes far more confidence

Wolf, former head of United Airlines,

these days, despite two serious acci-

lents several years ago. It dominates the eastern United

BRITISH Airways' current Ameri-can partner, USAir, is not the country's most popular airline. Dubbed the "agony airline", it is the

One of the most intelligent observa-tions going round Washington is that the lame-duck operation which BA picked up is slowly gathering strength. Its balance sheet is health-

took over four months ago, the message to employees was that the com-pany had to grow, either by finding another partner or by being taken

Rnglish businessman. But he never intended coming, so in the end there was a subdued meeting with senior officials. at which Mr Branson left his calling card. This is all he has been doing in the past two days. But he

there on his own, sure, but

for the inaugurals. They are obviously loyal. Waiting for the flight back they contemplate a shrinking world of increasing partnerships with some trepidation. "Richard can't survive out

the American capital Whatever Mr Branson does

is outraceous, but the result is electrifying. Everybody knows he is in town.

The jovial Cameroonian taxi driver had never heard his name before yesterday. Then he nicked it up on a local radio ad announcing the arrival of a new Virgin Atlantic service between Washington and London, the company's seventh destination from the UK.

He sounds a great guy. Sort of gets to you. Makes it good." The people's capitalist had made another convert. In fact, most of Washington was aware that a showman was in town, selling a fresh commodity with a bright new ring about it that was as cheap as any of its competitors.

With his customary good fortune, the intrepid entrepre-neur turned the visit to further advantage by exposing the threat he says is posed to his airline by the proposed British Airways alliance with American Airlines, Should it go ahead, it would give Brit-

ers, but they are not yet playing dirty in public. Mr Branson, on the other hand, is out on the streets crying foul. His first port of call was the British embassy. His merry band of revellers swept through the door, downed champagne and prawns and then withdrew.

By the end of the evening, the original government line pursue "new and positive opportuniof wholehearted approval for ties". This can be taken several ways. the alliance had been replaced by a more muted tone. The official script on the embassy lawn was that the issue was

now a matter of negotiation and the Government could not take sides. Pure nonsense, of course Both the British and American governments are up to their political armpits in it. At

The Virgin chief sweeps stake for the Americans are away all these uncertainties the coveted slots at Heathrow, by flattering the Trade and Industry Secretary, Ian Lang, who has to decide whether to the world's most important international airport, from refer the alliance to the Mowhich they have been constantly denied extra rights. Talk of alternatives like Gatnopolies and Mergers Com-mission. Mr Branson thinks wick or Stansted and the that the alliance would have American airlines are outstood no chance with Michael

ellers and has an unenviable reputation within their community. BA rescued it from near-bankruptcy almost two years ago and took a 22 per mkruptcy cent stake in America's fourth-largest carrier, which owns 400 aircraft. So far USAir has not reacted officially to the proposed BA alliance with American beyond a cryptic remark suggesting that the proposal provides USAir with the ability to

States like no other domestic airline, and has recently started daily ser-vices to Madrid, Rome and Munich. Not the action of an ailing airline. This is not a snivelling company. It has 42,000 employees and carried 55 million passengers last year. So when a new team, led by Stephen

aged. And with elections Heseltine at the DTL but Mr looming in the US and in Brit-Lang is not "anti-comoain, John Major will have to

etitive". think hard before handing But this statement about Mr over more control to a private Heseltine is out of the top of monopoly, perhaps jeopardis-ing Mr Branson's future as an the fantasy drawer. This is the politician who fiercely believes in the market and who had to be hauled back by his colleagues from privatising the Post Office.

But, as he rushes from one meeting to another. Mr Bran-son is ready to accept that the world is a global village, and that trans-national carriers are inevitable. In BA's position he would have done the

same, but he is not prepared to allow BA and American "to tilt the playing fields to an angle of 45 degrees, so that we fall off". Asked to defend his own alliance with another American carrier, Delta, he says that it is totally different, just modest plane-sharing. For hours, his aides keep the press guessing about a meeting with the American transport secretary, Frederico

Pena, a stage-managed climar to the Washington visit before Mr Branson jets back to Lon-don. Mr Pena has his own problems at home, and cannot

ver. It also had to cut costs further.

The private view in Washington during Mr Branson's cavorting is that USAir would not be able to survive a **BA-American alliance.** This is danger ous talk. The proposed alliance would have much to gain from USAir's presence. The once-discredited group of hick airlines from the American backwoods, from which USAir has evolved, may need a fresh pot of paint. But it is good enough to survive without BA and could strike out with a new pariner of its own.

> welcome the one presented to him by the BA-American Alliance. A former mayor of Denver, he said soon after his ap-pointment that he would get extra slots at Heathrow within a year. In that he has palpably failed

His stock has taken a further battering over the Value Jet crash in Florida, where he first asserted that there was nothing wrong with the aircraft. Events proved the opposite to be the case.

Mr Pena, we were told, was leaving a meeting in Canada early to meet the boyish

confidently expects immediate results from his lobbying In reality, going through all its bureauratic phases is likely to last months. The only reprieve would be a quiet withdrawal by BA and American, forced by pressure from

the industry and lack of governmental agreement. Mr Branson gained a slight advantage yesterday when it emerged that the European Commission is to examine the BA-American deal through an obscure clause in EU law. **Fogether**, neither Washington nor Whitehall will brook any interference from Brussels. Certainly, Mr Branson's

staff of 2,500 are enthusiasti-cally behind their flamboyant 45-year-old school dropout His airline is not among the biggest, but it has achieved a reputation for service and innovation which has been copied by the larger carriers Virgin's turnover has more than quadrupled in five years and its passengers have doubled to two million over the same period.

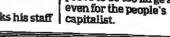
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Branson handpicks his staff Capitalist.

he'll get the best deal for us all if he has to sell out," says one of the cabin crew. Where do they think the company will go if it has to?

Not to BA, for sure, He would do anything but that, and it will be over our dead bodies, they retort.

Branson's energy is inexhaustible. After returning home today, he will host the first of six summer parties at his Oxfordshire home. On Monday, his association with Eurostar will be enhanced by a daily summer service from Waterloo to Disneyland Paris with direct services to the French ski slopes from Lon-don promised over the winter During the flight out, he received a poem and a tape from a woman in Cumbria. entreating him to take over the Carlisle and Settle railway. "We'll look at it, but I don't think it's possible at the noment," he declared But sabotaging the BA-American alliance may also prove to be too large a hurdle,



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airline magnate.

A man refuses to be becaten. This week he fired the latest shot in his campaign to defeat resale price maintenance, Britain's last legal price-fixing system, with the purchase of 10 pharmacies and giving nearly half of Asda's stores their own chemist outlet. Asda's argument is simple — why should greedy drug companies and multiple retailers (a thinly-veiled attack on rivals like Superdrug and Boots) charge the public higher prices than necessary? The stance is unasham edly populist, but attacking

price-fixing systems and cartels usually is, especially when you promote yourself need. as defending the right of the sick and elderly not to pay a "hidden tax" to profiteers. The sick and the elderly

would, however, be the very groups likely to suffer if Mr

Norman's campaign suc-ceeds, with hundreds of mall independent pharmacists likely to be forced out of busin

Some may say this is no bad thing, that the con-

The wrong medicine

sumer should not have to subsidise flagging businesses, and that price is the only thing that matters. But this outmoded eighties philosophy is simply not applicable to something as important as the supply of medicine, and not just because some people cannot afford to drive to supermarkets such as Mr Norman's.

Independent pharmacists play a vital role in their local communities, provid-ing a wider range of mediing a wider range of mean-cines than supermarkets, dispensing prescriptions and providing expert — and free — advice to customers. You may not be able to see a doctor on a Sunday, but you can always see a pharma-cist, and their advice is often as sound. Similarly, pharmacists are bound by a code of ethics

barring them from encour-aging customers to buy more of a product than they In some cases, this may

mean actively dissuading someone from buying a product at all, which, given Britain's transformation in recent years into a nation of

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hypochondriacs, is no bad thing at all. Every day we pay millions of pounds hop-ing to treat all manner of imaginary ailments,

splashing out on "feel good" drugs for which we have ab-solutely no medical need. It is precisely this highly lucrative market - pain-killers, vitamin tablets, food supplements and the like - that Asda hopes to corner. In doing so, it is trying to create a culture in which people are encour-

aged to buy more of such products as painkillers sim-ply because they are 9 Succulent plants (5) 10 Sullen, dejected (7) 11 Many-sided (12) cheaper than in the shop down the road. And, while you are unlikely to kill 13 Salior's jacket (6) 14 Distance up - a hill (6) yourself with an overdose of food supplements, you certainly can with aspirins and other painkillers. Besides, if Asda really 21 Direction (5) 22 Whirlpool (4) wants to corner the market

in such medicines, it already boasts a highly com-petitive range of own-brand products with which to do so. But so too do Superdrug, Lloyds Chemists and Boots, none of which supports the

scrapping of resale price maintenance. Indeed, Boots said only this week that a decision to

end resale price maintenance would affect margins on only a very small proportion of its sales. That proportion would surely be smaller still in Asda's case.

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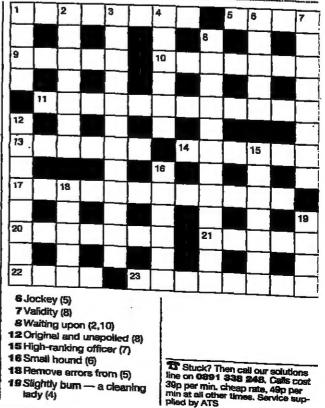
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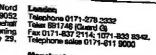
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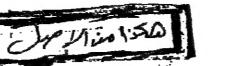


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